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(54) **Adenosine re-uptake inhibiting derivatives of diphenyl oxazoles, thiazoles and imidazoles.**

(57) A series of 1-piperazinyl-N-phenylacetamide derivatives of 4,5-diphenyl-oxazoles, thiazoles, and imidazoles which are novel adenosine transport inhibitors have been found to provide effective antiischemic protection for CNS tissue, particularly neurons. A method of treatment to protect against CNS ischemia, such as that resulting from trauma, stroke, or other ischemic conditions, comprises administration of these novel compounds to an individual in need of such treatment.

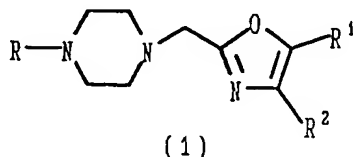
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## Background of the Invention

This invention pertains to N-piperazineacetamide derivatives of 4,5-diphenyl-oxazoles, thiazoles and imidazoles having drug and bio-affecting properties and to their preparation and use. In particular the compounds of this invention are novel adenosine re-uptake inhibitors that are neuroprotective under conditions of anoxia, ischemia or stroke.

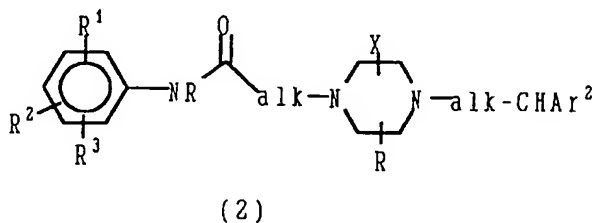
Related art in terms of chemical structure may be represented by the following references.

Inoue, et al., in U.S. 4,101,660 disclosed and claimed a series of antiinflammatory and analgesic oxazole compounds (1)



in which R<sup>1</sup> is phenyl, R<sup>2</sup> is hydrogen and R is hydroxyethyl. The series was extended to diphenyl derivatives (R<sup>1</sup> = R<sup>2</sup> = phenyl) in Chem. Abstr. 91:56986x and to piperidine derivatives (R = piperidinylalkyl) in Chem. Abstr. 91:56987y.

Various N-aryl-piperazinealkanamides of structure (2)

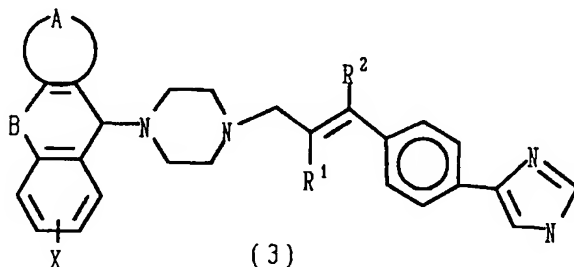


have been reported as anti-ischemic agents for myocardial tissue and for treating sleep disorders.

N-aryl-4-(4,4-diarylbutyl)-1-piperazinealkanamides optionally substituted in the piperazine ring are described as coronary vasodilators, local anesthetics, CNS-stimulants and anticarrageenin agents in U.S. 3,267,104 to Hermans and Schaper.

A structurally related series of compounds with different X substituents attached to the piperazine ring was disclosed as being useful in treating ischemia in cardiac tissue in U.S. 4,776,125 to Van Daele.

A series of piperazine derivatives including compounds of structure (3) have been claimed in U.S. 4,948,796 to Hiraiwa et al., as being useful for the protection of cerebral cells from ischemia.



A method for treating neurodegenerative conditions by increasing extracellular concentrations of adenosine by use of, for example, adenosine transport inhibitors, was described by Marangos and Gruber in WO 91/04032.

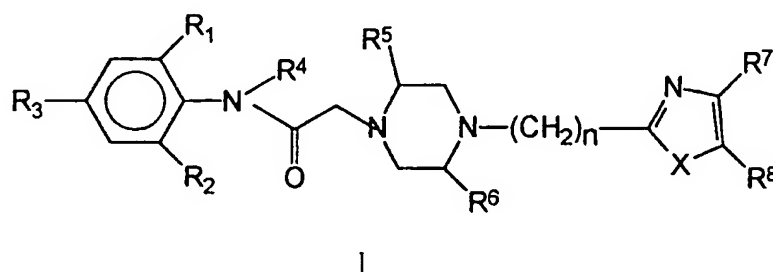
There is nothing in any of the foregoing references, or in the general prior art, to suggest the novel antiischemic diphenyl-oxazoles, thiazoles and imidazoles of the present invention.

# Summary of the Invention

This invention is concerned with 1-piperazinyl-N-phenylacetamide derivatives of 4,5-diphenyl-oxazoles, thiazoles, and imidazoles which are novel adenosine transport inhibitors. These compounds are useful in protecting CNS tissue, particularly neurons, against the effects of ischemia which can result from trauma or disorders such as stroke. The method involves administration of novel compounds of this invention to a mammal in need of such treatment.

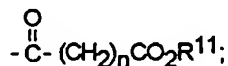
## Detailed Description of the Invention

In its broadest aspect, the present invention comprises 1-piperazin-4-yl-N-phenylacetamide derivatives of 4,5-diphenyl-oxazoles, thiazoles, and imidazoles having anti-ischemic properties and which are structurally depicted by Formula I



wherein R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are independently selected from hydrogen, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy, halogen and trifluoromethyl;

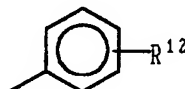
R<sup>3</sup> is hydrogen, halogen, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy, nitro or -NR<sup>9</sup>R<sup>10</sup> with R<sup>9</sup> and R<sup>10</sup> being independently selected from hydrogen, or C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1-5</sub> alkanoyl and



R<sup>4</sup> is hydrogen or C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl;

R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> are independently selected from hydrogen, -CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>11</sup> with R<sup>11</sup> being C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, -CONR<sup>9</sup>R<sup>10</sup> and oxo, or R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> can be taken together to form a methylene or ethylene bridge;

R<sup>7</sup> and R<sup>8</sup> are taken together as a butylene bridge or are each



with R<sup>12</sup> being hydrogen, trifluoromethyl, halogen, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl or C<sub>2-4</sub> alkyl-N(R<sup>4</sup>)<sub>2</sub>;

n is zero or an integer from 1 to 4; and

X is S, O, or NH.

Pharmaceutically acceptable salts and/or solvates, particularly hydrates, of the Formula I compounds also comprise the present invention which further includes stereoisomers such as enantiomers which can arise as a consequence of structural asymmetry in selected Formula I compounds. Separation of individual isomers is accomplished by application of various methods and procedures well known to practitioners in the art or by methods adapted for use with the instant series of compounds. An example of such a method is set forth in the preferred embodiment section of this specification.

Preferred compounds of Formula I comprise structures wherein R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are methyl or chloro; R<sup>5</sup> is aminocarbonyl; and R<sup>7</sup> and R<sup>8</sup> are phenyl rings both substituted and unsubstituted. A more preferred

compound is 2-aminocarbonyl-4-[(4,5-diphenyl-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-N-(4-amino-2,6-dichlorophenyl)-1-piperazineacetamide.

For medicinal use, the pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salts, those salts in which the anion does not contribute significantly to toxicity or pharmacological activity of the organic cation, are preferred.

5 The acid addition salts are obtained either by reaction of an organic base of structure I with an organic or inorganic acid, preferably by contact in solution, or by any of the standard methods detailed in the literature available to any practitioner skilled in the art. Examples of useful organic acids are carboxylic acids such as maleic acid, acetic acid, tartaric acid, propionic acid, fumaric acid, isethionic acid, succinic acid, pamoic acid, cyclamic acid, pivalic acid and the like; useful inorganic acids are hydrohalide acids such as HCl, 10 HBr, HI; sulfuric acid; phosphoric acid and the like. The preferred solvate forms of Formula I compounds are hydrates.

The compounds of the present invention are useful pharmacologic agents with anti-ischemic properties. With adenosine potentiating properties, the compounds can be useful as neuroprotective, anticonvulsant and sleep improving agents. Representative compounds were selected and tested demonstrating their 15 ability to potentiate pentobarbital-induced sleep time. Activity in this pharmacologic test indicates sedative potential for compounds as sleep agents.

Central nervous system tissue is particularly vulnerable to damage caused by ischemic conditions. Brain ischemia, or insufficient oxygen, may result from injury or disease and may last from only transient periods of time to periods of lengthy duration, as in stroke. In this regard, the compounds of Formula I are 20 useful for treatment and prevention of injury to the brain and spinal cord and of edema due to head trauma, stroke, arrested breathing, cardiac arrest, Rey's syndrome, cerebral thrombosis, embolism, hemorrhage or tumors, encephalomyelitis, spinal cord injury, hydroencephalitis, and post-operative brain injury.

Numerous reports have suggested that adenosine plays a neuroprotective role in the central nervous system under conditions of anoxia, ischemia, and/or stroke. Therefore agents that increase adenosine levels 25 in ischemic tissue should result in enhanced neuroprotection. From a pharmacologic standpoint, there are advantages to potentiating or maintaining adenosine levels by inhibiting the adenosine re-uptake transport system. Thus the anti-ischemic activity of the compounds of Formula I was initially demonstrated by effective inhibition of adenosine reuptake transport. This inhibition was measured by evaluating the compounds of Formula I for their ability to block the uptake of radiolabeled adenosine into rat cortical synaptosomes See: Bender, Wu and Phillis, The characterization of [<sup>3</sup>H] adenosine uptake into rat cerebral 30 cortical synaptosomes, 35 J. Neurochem. 629-640 (1980).

Selected compounds of Formula I, usually having IC<sub>50</sub> values of less than 10  $\mu$ M in the adenosine reuptake transport inhibition assay, were also tested in *in vivo* stroke models such as protection of hippocampal tissue from ischemic cell loss resulting from bilateral carotid occlusion in a gerbil model and 35 reduction of neocortical infarct volume after middle cerebral artery occlusion (MCAO) in the rat model.

One aspect then of the present invention involves administration of a compound of Formula I or a pharmaceutically acceptable acid and/or solvate thereof, to a mammal suffering from ischemia or being susceptible to ischemia. In general the compound would be given in a dose range of from about 0.01 mg/kg to about 30 mg/kg body weight. The lower end of the dose range reflects parenteral administration and the 40 upper end of the dose range reflects oral administration.

Although the dosage and dosage regimen of a Formula I compound must in each case be carefully adjusted, utilizing sound professional judgment and considering the age, weight and condition of the recipient, the route of administration and the nature and extent of the ischemia, generally, the daily dose for human use will be from about 0.5 g to about 10 g, preferably 1 to 5 g. In some instances, a sufficient 45 therapeutic effect can be obtained at lower doses while in others, larger doses will be required. As is apparent to one skilled in clinical pharmacology, the amount of a Formula I compound comprising the daily dose may be given in a single or divided dose, taking into account those principles understood by the skilled practitioner and necessary for his practice of the art.

The term "systemic administration" as used herein refers to oral, sublingual, buccal, transnasal, 50 transdermal, rectal, intramuscular, intravenous, intraventricular, intrathecal, and subcutaneous routes. In accordance with good clinical practice, it is preferred to administer the instant compounds at a concentration level which will produce effective beneficial effects without causing any harmful or untoward side effects.

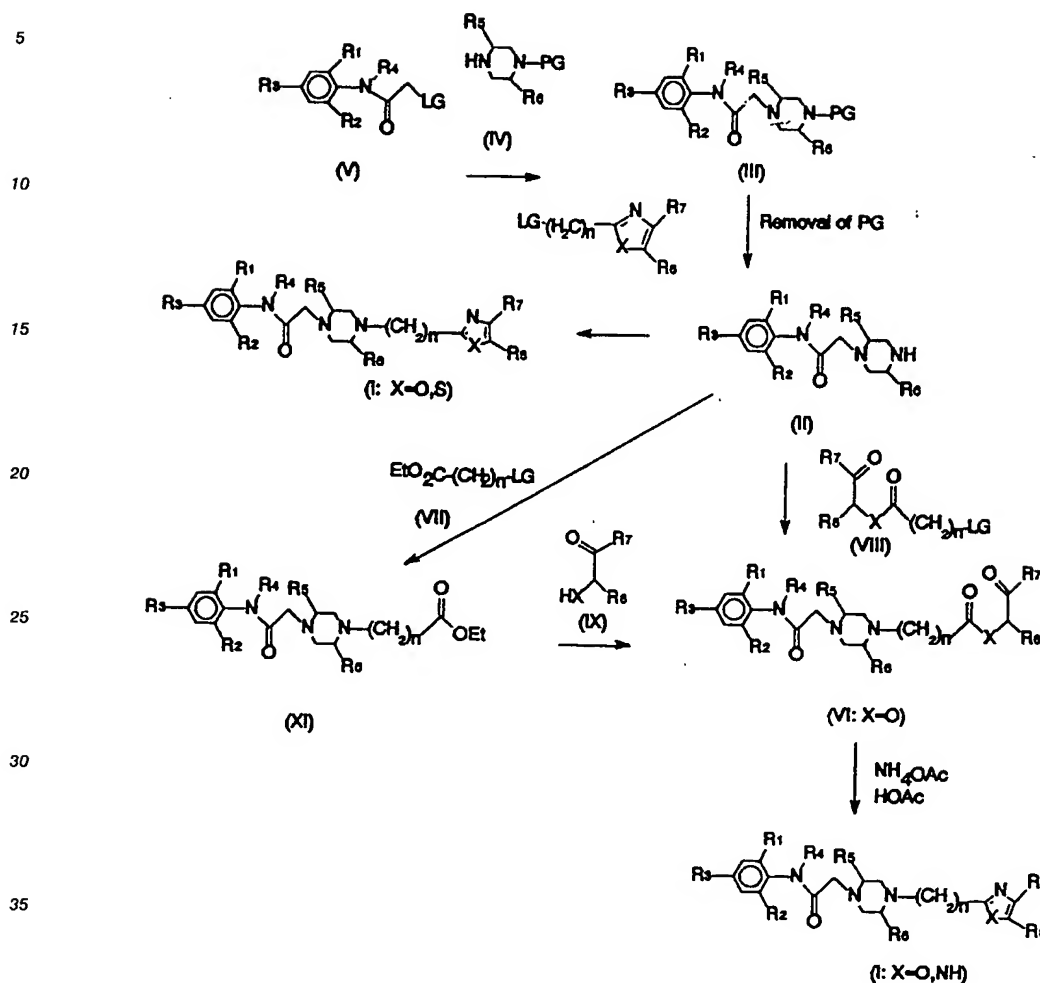
Therapeutically, the instant compounds are generally given as pharmaceutical compositions comprised 55 of an effective ischemia-protective amount of a Formula I compound or a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt and/or hydrate thereof and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier. Pharmaceutical compositions for effecting such treatment will contain a major or minor amount (e.g. from 95% to 0.5%) of at least one compound of the present invention in combination with a pharmaceutical carrier, the carrier comprising one

or more solid, semi-solid, or liquid diluent, filler and formulation adjuvant which is non-toxic, inert and pharmaceutically acceptable. Such pharmaceutical compositions are preferably in dosage unit forms; i.e., physically discrete units having a predetermined amount of the drug corresponding to a fraction or multiple of the dose which is calculated to produce the desired therapeutic response. In usual practice, the dosage units contain 1, 1/2, 1/3, or less of a single dose. A single dose preferably contains an amount sufficient to produce the desired therapeutic effect upon administration at one application of one or more dosage units according to the predetermined dosage regimen, usually a whole, half, third, or less of the daily dosage administered once, twice, three, or more times a day. It is envisioned that other therapeutic agents can also be present in such a composition. Pharmaceutical compositions which provide from 0.1 to 1 g of the active ingredient per unit dose are preferred and are conventionally prepared as tablets, lozenges, capsules, powders, aqueous or oily suspensions, syrups, elixirs, and aqueous solutions. Preferred oral compositions are in the form of tablets, capsules, and may contain conventional excipients such as binding agents (e.g., syrup, acacia, gelatin, sorbitol, tragacanth, or polyvinylpyrrolidone), fillers (e.g. lactose, sugar, maize-starch, calcium phosphate, sorbitol or glycine), lubricants (e.g. magnesium stearate, talc, polyethylene glycol or silica), disintegrants (e.g. starch) and wetting agents (e.g. sodium lauryl sulfate). Solutions or suspensions of a Formula I compound with conventional pharmaceutical vehicles are employed for parenteral compositions such as an aqueous solution for intravenous injection or an oily suspension for intramuscular injection. Such compositions having the desired clarity, stability and adaptability for parenteral use are obtained by dissolving from about 0.1% to 10% by weight of a Formula I compound or one of its salt forms in water or a vehicle consisting of a polyhydric aliphatic alcohol such as glycerine, propylene glycol, and the polyethylene glycols or mixtures thereof. The polyethylene glycols consist of a mixture of non-volatile, usually liquid, polyethylene glycols which are soluble in both water and organic liquids and which have molecular weights from about 200 to 1500.

When transnasal application is intended, the Formula I compound pharmaceutical composition is formulated in a pharmaceutical composition which enhances penetration of the nasal mucosa. Such formulations normally employ fatty acid salts of the Formula I base compound and their preparation and use would be known to one skilled in the pharmaceutical arts.

The general procedure for preparation of Formula I compounds is outlined in Scheme 1.

Scheme 1  
Synthesis of Formula I



In Scheme 1;  $R^1-R^8$ , X and n are as defined *supra*. LG is a synthetic organic leaving group of the type typically employed in synthetic organic chemistry. The most common leaving groups in such nucleophilic substitution-type reactions are the halides or sulfonic ester groups such as tosylate, brosylate, nosylate and mesylate. Synthetic organic leaving groups and their manipulations are well-known to one skilled in organic synthesis and have been fully described in the pertinent literature. See, e.g. March, *Advanced Organic Chemistry*, 2d ed.; McGraw-Hill: New York, pages 325-331. Carey and Sundberg, *Advanced Organic Chemistry A: Structure and Reactivity*, 3d ed. Plenum: New York, pages 270-292.

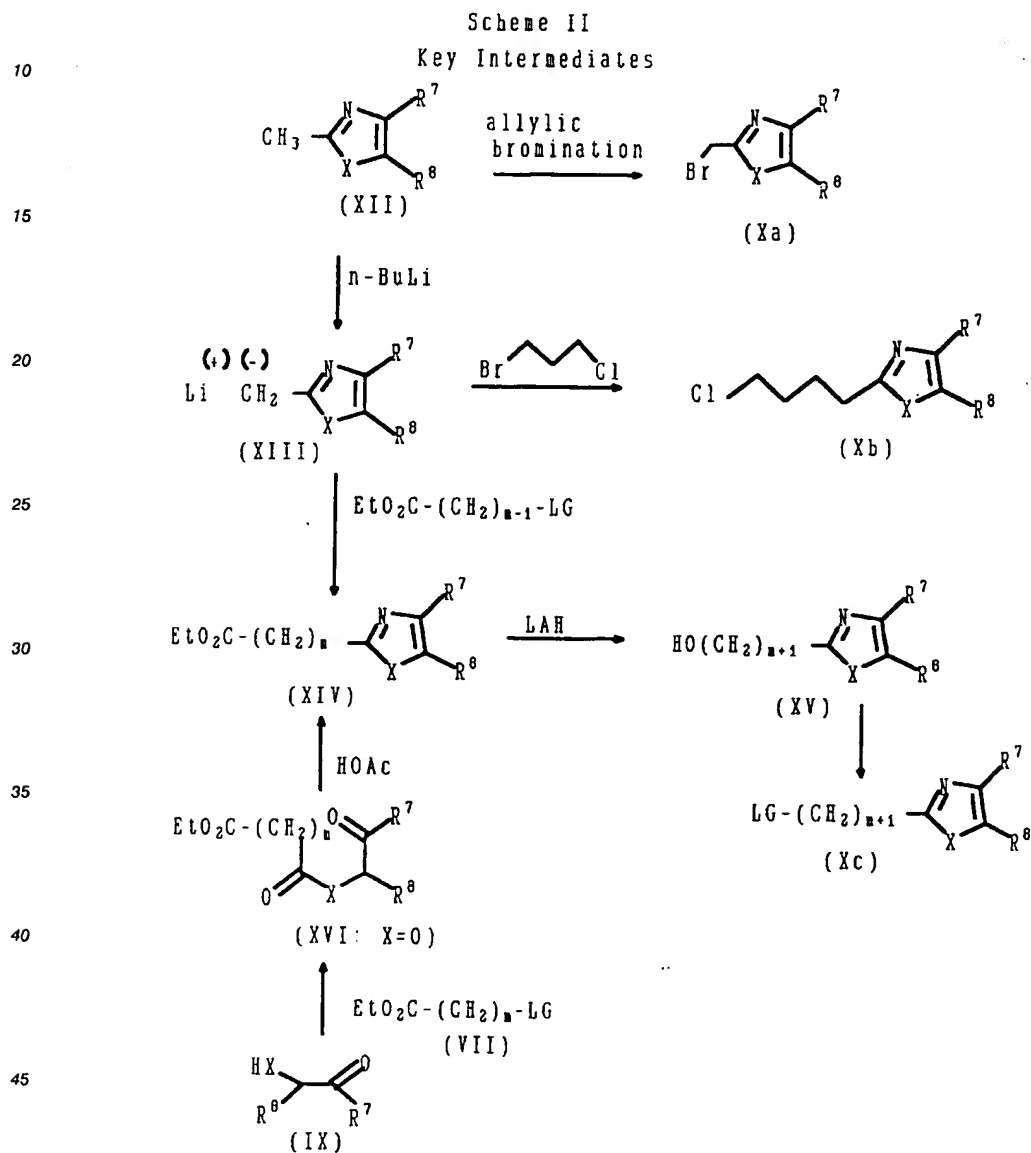
PG signifies a synthetic organic "protecting group" of the type generally used to "protect" a secondary amine functional group, e.g. an acyl-type group such as a carbobenzyloxy (CBZ) or t-butoxycarbonyl (t-BOC) group or a trifluoroacetyl (TFA) group or the like. Suitable "protecting" or "blocking" groups used in organic synthesis are also well known to the practitioner and are adequately described in the appropriate literature. See, e.g. Carey and Sundberg, *Advanced Organic Chemistry B: Reactions and Synthesis*, 3d ed.; Plenum: New York pages 677, 686-689.

The starting materials in Scheme 1 are N-phenylacetamide derivatives (V), such as a 2-halo-N-phenylacetamide; and "protected/blocked" piperazines (IV), such as 1-piperazine carboxaldehyde. These materials are either commercially available or can be readily prepared, e.g. bromoacetyl chloride and a substituted aniline are reacted to give V; a protecting group is attached to one nitrogen of the piperazine ring to provide IV. The product of the reaction of V and IV is an intermediate compound of Formula III which

is "deprotected" by removal of PG, the protective or blocking group to give II which can be reacted with an appropriate diphenyl oxazole or thiazole (X) to give the desired Formula I product where X is S or O.

To prepare imidazole products, intermediate II can either be reacted with the keto-ester compound VIII to give VI or compound II can be reacted with the ester VII to give XI which is then treated with the keto alcohol IX to provide VI which can be converted to I wherein X is NH.

Reaction intermediates of Formula V can be obtained as shown in Scheme II.



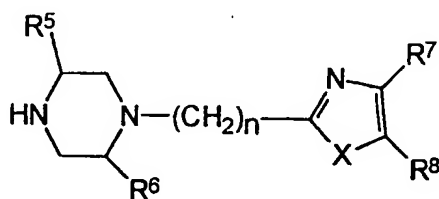
In Scheme II;  $\text{R}^7$ ,  $\text{R}^8$ , LG and X are as previously defined. The symbol m can be an integer 1 to 3. Scheme II basically outlines the preparation of intermediates of Formula X with differing alkyl chain lengths for connection to piperazine intermediates (II) to provide certain Formula I products. Obvious variations to provide other products would be apparent to one skilled in synthetic organic chemistry, e.g. a thioketo alcohol could be used to prepare a thiazole intermediate of Formula XIV. Similarly, reaction of an  $\alpha$ -bromo ketone with thioacetamide provides the thiazole intermediate XII.

As depicted in Scheme II, allylic bromination of 2-methyl-substituted intermediates of Formula XII yields Xa intermediates for use in Scheme I reactions. Lithiation of XII provides compound XIII which can either be alkylated with  $\alpha$ ,  $\omega$ -disubstituted ethanes or propanes to yield  $\text{C}_3$  or  $\text{C}_4$  alkanyl chains (e.g. Xb), or the XIII

anion can be alkylated to provide a carbethoxy moiety at the terminus of the alkyl chain of XIV. This XIV compound can also be synthesized by reaction of XVII and XVIII to yield XVI which is aminated with ring-closure to provide XIV. Reduction of XIV with a hydride such as lithium aluminum hydride gives the corresponding intermediate alcohol XV which can be converted into Xc for use in Scheme I.

Compounds of Formula XII can be conveniently synthesized by acylation of XVIII with a propionyl halide or equivalent to form a propionate ester of XVIII. The ester is then aminated with ring-closure to give XII compounds.

Modification of these reaction schemes can be employed to produce Formula I compounds in somewhat different ways. For example, a reaction of compound V with a piperazine intermediate of Formula XXIV



XXIV

will directly yield a product of Formula I. Intermediates of Formula XXIV can be prepared utilizing intermediates of Formulas IV and X.

#### Description of Specific Embodiments

The compounds which constitute this invention and their methods of preparation will appear more full from a consideration of the following examples which are given for the purpose of illustration only and are not to be construed as limiting the invention in sphere or scope. All temperatures are understood to be in °C when not specified.

The nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectral characteristics refer to chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) expressed as parts per million (ppm) versus tetramethylsilane (TMS) as reference standard. The relative area reported for the various shifts in the proton NMR spectral data corresponds to the number of hydrogen atoms of a particular functional type in the molecule. The nature of the shifts as to multiplicity is reported as broad singlet (bs), singlet (s), multiplet (m), doublet (d), doublet of doublets (dd), quartet (q) or pentuplet (p). Abbreviations employed are DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> (deuterio-di-methylsulfoxide), CDCl<sub>3</sub> (deuteriochloroform), and are otherwise conventional. The elemental analyses are reported as percent by weight.

#### Synthesis of Intermediates

Several intermediate compounds as well as other conventional starting materials, e.g. VII, and IX; used in the preparation of final products I were generally commercially available. Representative syntheses of some of these compounds are provided hereinbelow nevertheless.

#### Example 1

##### 2-Methyl-4,5-bis[(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]oxazole (XII)

To a solution of 10 g (0.03 moles) of the intermediate of Formula IX, Example 6 in 100 ml of dichloromethane at 0-5°C was added 1.1 equivalent of (2.4 g) of pyridine, and catalytic amount of dimethylaminopyridine and 1.1 equivalent of acetyl chloride (2.3 g). The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 hours at room temperature. The solvent was evaporated and the residue was taken up in glacial acetic acid (100 ml) and refluxed in the presence of 5 equivalents of ammonium acetate (6.9 g) for a period of 1 to 2 hours and cooled to room temperature. Water was added (100 ml) and the product was isolated by extracting with ethyl acetate (3 x 100 ml), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated to give 5.8 g of the desired



product, m.p. 100-102 °C.

(C); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.723 (m, 2H), 7.637 (m, 6H), 2.579 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 161.223, 128.013, 126.463, 125.735, 125.686, 125.612, 125.561, 13.842; IR (KBr) 3470, 3066, 1618, 1590, 1414, 1323, 1268, 1166, 1126, 1110, 1068, 1016, 966, 846, 674, 610 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (DCI) *m/z* 372;

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Anal. Calc'd for C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>11</sub> N <sub>1</sub> O <sub>1</sub> F <sub>6</sub> :	C, 58.23;	H, 2.99;	N, 3.77;
Found:	C, 57.98;	H, 2.88;	N, 3.68.

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## Example 2

### 4,5-diphenyl-2-(4-chlorobutyl) oxazole (X)

- 15 To a solution of 2-methyl 4,5-diphenyloxazole (7.05g, 0.3mol) in 50 mL of dry THF at -78 °C was added 1.1 equivalent of *n*-BuLi or LDA and stirred for 30 min. To the dark red solution of the anion was added the alkylating reagent 3-chloro-1-bromopropane (1.1 equivalent) and the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to 0 °C over a period of 1h. The reaction was worked up by adding NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution and extracting with ethyl acetate (50mL). Dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, concentrated and purified by flash chromatography over silica gel  
20 using ether/hexane 1:4 as an eluant to give the Formula X compound 6.2g(66%) as an oil. MS (DCI) *m/z* 311.

## Example 3

### Ethyl 4-[[[(2,6-Dimethylphenyl)amino]carbonyl] methyl]-1-piperazineacetate (XI)

- Ethyl bromoacetate (12.12g, 0.073 mol) in dry acetonitrile (30 mL) was added dropwise to a mixture of N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-1-piperazineacetamide dihydrochloride hydrate (18.0g, 0.073 mol) and potassium carbonate (18.0g, 0.13 mol) in dry acetonitrile (200 mL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for  
30 16h before it was filtered and evaporated. The residue was partitioned between ethyl acetate and water and the organic phase was separated, washed with brine dried and concentrated. There was isolated 21g (86%) of the XI compound as a colorless oil which was used without further purification; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 9.16 (s, 1H), 7.06 (s, 3H), 4.11 (q, *J*=3.6 Hz, 2H), 3.22 (s, 2H), 3.13 (s, 2H), 2.68 (br s, 8H), 2.14 (s, 6H), 1.19 (t, *J*=7.0 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 171.65 (0), 169.63 (0), 166.02 (0),  
35 136.72 (0), 136.67 (0), 129.36 (+), 128.09 (+), 63.07 (-), 61.54 (-), 60.24 (-), 54.67 (-), 53.59 (-), 19.7 (+), 15.88 (+); IR (KBr) 3242, 3020, 2988, 2964, 2936, 2914, 2878, 2824, 1744, 1662, 1530, 1478, 1466, 1444, 1428, 1390, 1380, 1306, 1278, 1224, 1198, 1166, 1136, 1042, 1020, 836, 762, 718 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (DCI) *m/z* 334.

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Anal. Calc'd for C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>27</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>3</sub> · 1.5H <sub>2</sub> O ·:	C, 60.86;	H, 8.15;	N, 12.28.
Found:	C, 60.66;	H, 7.73;	N, 12.48.

## Example 4

### 2-Oxo-1,2-di-(4-ethylphenyl)ethyl piperazineacetate (VI)

### 4-[[[(2,6-dimethylphenyl)amino]carbonyl]-methyl]-1-piperazineacetate (XI)

- 50 1,3-Dicyclohexylcarbodiimide (DCC; 0.81g, 3.92 mmol) was added in one portion to a rapidly-stirred mixture of 4-[[[(2,6-dimethylphenyl)amino]carbonyl] methyl]-1-piperazineacetic acid (1.0 g, 3.27 mmol), 2-hydroxy-1,2-di-(4-ethylphenyl)ethanone (IX; 0.88 g, 3.27 mmol) and dimethylaminopyridine (DMAP; 40 mg) in anhydrous dimethylformamide (25 mL). After 2 hours at ambient temperature, an additional equivalent of DCC and DMAP were added. The mixture was stirred further for 22 hours at room temperature before it  
55 was heated to 70 °C for 6 hours. Upon cooling, the mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate, washed with saturated sodium bicarbonate solution and brine, dried and concentrated. Purification of the residue by flash chromatography on silica gel (gradient elution with 50% ethyl acetate in hexanes followed by ethyl acetate) afforded 0.50 g of the benzoin ester product (VI) as an off-white solid. The ester was used in subsequent

reactions without additional purification.

#### Example 5

##### 5 Bromoacetoxy-1,2-di-(4-ethylphenyl)ethanone (VIII)

A solution of bromoacetyl chloride (2.00 mL, 24.2 mmol) in anhydrous dichloromethane (20 mL) was added dropwise to a cold (0 °C) mixture of 2-hydroxy-1,2-di-(4-ethylphenyl)ethanone (IX; 6.5 g, 24.2 mmol) and N-methylmorpholine (NMM; 2.7 mL, 24.2 mmol) in anhydrous dichloromethane (180 mL). The mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 1 hour and at ambient temperature for 2 hours before additional 2-hydroxy-1,2-di-(4-ethylphenyl)ethanone (0.5 mL) and NMM (0.6 mL) were added to aid in completion. After 1 hour, the mixture was washed with saturated sodium bicarbonate solution, 1N HCl and brine. Following drying and solvent evaporation, the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (gradient elution with 10% ethyl acetate in hexanes followed by 25% ethyl acetate in hexanes) and furnished 6.10 g (65%) of bromoacetoxy-1,2-di-(4-ethylphenyl)ethanone as a pale-yellow oil which was used in subsequent reactions without further purification.

#### Example 6

##### 20 1,2-bis[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-2-hydroxyethanone (IX)

A mixture of 50 g (0.29 moles) of trifluoromethylbenzaldehyde and 0.7 g (0.05 equivalent) of sodium cyanide in 400 ml of 70% aqueous ethanol was heated to reflux for 20 hours. The reaction mixture was cooled, concentrated and the product was filtered to give crystals (42 g, 84%) m.p. 77-80 °C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.99 (d, J = 8.13 Hz, 2H), 7.68 (d, J = 8.26 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (d, J = 8.14 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (d, J = 8.15 Hz, 2H), 6.01 (s, 1H), 4.51 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 197.54, 141.80(0), 135.82, 129.26, 127.95, 126.19, 126.14, 126.09, 125.85, 125.81, 75.83, IR (KBr) 3436, 3074, 2940, 1696, 1680, 1618, 1514, 1420, 1332, 1250, 1174, 1132, 1114, 1098, 1070, 1018, 980, 878, 856, 830, 822, 700, 686, 626, 600 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (DCI) m/e 349;

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Anal. Calc'd for C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>10</sub> O <sub>2</sub> F <sub>6</sub> :	C, 55.18;	H, 2.89;
Found:	C, 55.12;	H, 2.85;

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#### Example 7

##### 2-Bromo, chloro-N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)acetamide (V)

A solution of bromoacetyl chloride (20.0 mL, 0.234 mol) in anhydrous dichloromethane (20 mL) was added dropwise to a cold (0 °C) mixture of 2,6-dimethylaniline (29.5 mL, 0.234 mol) and N-methylmorpholine (28.0 mL, 0.254 mol) in anhydrous dichloromethane (500 mL). The mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 1h and at ambient temperature for 2h before it was washed with 1N NaOH, 1N HCl and brine. Following drying and solvent evaporation, the residue was triturated with hot ether/ethyl acetate to yield after suction-filtration 46.75g (83%) of the Formula V compound(s) as an off-white solid, m.p. 148-149 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.28 (br s, 1H), 7.08-6.97 (m, 3H), 4.14 (s, 0.5H), 3.93 (s, 1.5H), 2.16 and 2.15 (2s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) ppm 164.96, 135.63, 133.41, 128.44, 128.39, 127.78, 42.92, 29.04, 18.41; IR (KBr) 3440, 3212, 3042, 2974, 1644, 1534, 1476, 1308, 1218, 1120, 762 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (DCI) m/z 242.

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Anal. Calc'd for 0.75C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>12</sub> BrNO · 0.25C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>12</sub> ClNO:	C, 51.02;	H, 5.19;	N, 5.92.
Found:	C, 51.27;	H, 5.10;	N, 6.06.

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Example 8**(4-Nitro-2,6-dichlorophenyl)-2-bromoacetamide (V)**

5 A mixture of 4-nitro-2,6-dichloroaniline (17 g, 82 mmol), bromoacetyl chloride (25 mL, 304 mmol), water (0.6 mL), H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (3.0 g), and trifluoroacetic acid (150 mL) in methylene chloride (150 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 5 days. The resulting mixture was poured into 500 mL of hot water and stirred for 45 minutes. A yellow precipitate (23.32 g) was collected by filtration. The precipitate was washed with water and methanol, and then triturated in methylene chloride-ether to yield an off-white solid (11.56 g, 43%  
 10 yield): m.p. 195-197 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 4.14 (s, 2H), 8.12 (broad s, 1H), 8.33 (s, 2H).

Example 9**N-(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)-3-aminocarbonylpiperazine (IV)**

15 To a solution of 2-aminocarbonylpiperazine (9.83 g, 76.2 mmol) and triethylamine (10.7 mL, 76 mmol) in 200 mL of DMF at -20 °C was added di-*tert*-butyl dicarbonate (16.6 g, 76.2 mmol). This was stirred for 2 hours, and warmed to room temperature. Solvent was then removed *in vacuo* to yield a yellowish-white solid (19.8 g). This was recrystallized in methylene chloride-ether to yield IV as a white solid (15.46 g, 89%  
 20 yield): m.p. 103-106 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.46 (s, 9H), 1.85-2.00 (m, 1H), 2.73-2.82 (m, 1H), 2.87-3.18 (m, 2H), 3.32-3.38 (m, 1H), 3.70-3.85 (m, 1H), 4.01-4.10 (m, 1H), 5.54 (broad s, 1H), 6.70 (broad s, 1H).

Example 10**N-(2,6-Dimethylphenyl)-4-formyl-1-piperazineacetamide (III)**

25 A mixture of 2-bromo-N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)acetamide (V: 24.2g, 0.10 mol), anhydrous sodium carbonate (15.9g, 0.15 mol), sodium iodide (0.10g) and 1-piperazine carboxaldehyde (IV: 10.3 mL, 0.10 mol) in anhydrous dimethylformamide (200 mL) was heated to 85 °C for 6h before it was cooled, suction-filtered and concentrated down *in vacuo*. The residue was then dissolved in a minimal amount of hot 5% methanol in ethyl acetate. After 2h at ambient temperature, the mixture was suction-filtered and the filtrate was concentrated down once again to yield a grey-colored solid which was recrystallized from ethyl acetate. There the Formula III compound was isolated 17.95g (65%) as a white solid, m.p. 139-140 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300  
 30 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.50 (br s, 1H), 7.99 (s, 1H), 7.25-7.03 (m, 3H), 3.59-5.56 (m, 2H), 3.42-3.39 (m, 2H), 3.17 (s, 2H), 2.66-2.59 (m, 4H), 2.19 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) ppm 167.96, 160.96, 135.18, 133.67, 128.53, 127.55, 61.89, 54.28, 53.21, 45.69, 40.07, 18.83; IR (KBr) 3432, 3274, 2958, 1672, 1506, 1446, 1436, 1148, 1020, 1008, 788 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS *m/z* calc'd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub> 276.1712, found 276.1709.

Anal. Calc'd for C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>22</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>2</sub> :	C, 65.43;	H, 7.69;	N, 15.26.
Found:	C, 65.42;	H, 7.76;	N, 15.32.

Example 11**2-(aminocarbonyl)-N-(4-nitro-2,6-dichlorophenyl)-4-(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)-1-piperazineacetamide (III)**

50 A mixture of (4-nitro-2,6-dichlorophenyl)-2-bromoacetamide (2.57 g, 7.84 mmol), 2-aminocarbonyl-4-*tert*-butoxycarbonylpiperazine (1.80 g, 7.86 mmol), and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (4.35 g) in 50 mL of DMF was stirred at room temperature for 24 hours. The resulting mixture was partitioned between ethyl acetate and water, and the aqueous extract vigorously re-extracted with ethyl acetate. After removal of solvent *in vacuo*, the combined ethyl acetate extracts yielded 2.59 g of residue. This was recrystallized in methylene chloride-hexane to yield III as a white solid (1.67 g, 45% yield): m.p. >123 °C (dec.); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ  
 55 1.45 (s, 9H), 2.47-2.55 (m, 1H), 3.05-3.10 (m, 1H), 3.15-3.35 (m, 4H), 3.50-3.56 (d, 1H), 3.83 (broad s, 1H), 4.00-4.04 (m, 1H), 5.59 (broad s, 1H), 6.12 (broad s, 1H), 8.24 (s, 2H), 9.40 (broad s, 1H); MS (FAB) *m/z* 476 (M<sup>+</sup>).

## Example 12

**2-(aminocarbonyl)-N-(4-amino-2,6-dichlorophenyl)-4-(tert-butoxycarbonyl)-1-piperazineacetamide(III)**

5 A solution of 2-(aminocarbonyl)-N-(4-nitro-2,6-dichlorophenyl)-4-(tert-butoxycarbonyl)-1-piperazineacetamide (1.0 g, 2.1 mmol) in 30 mL of methanol containing methanolic 4% thiophene (0.25 mL) and 5% platinum on charcoal catalyst (450 mg) was hydrogenated using a Parr apparatus at 50 °C and 25 psi for 30 minutes. After cooling and removal of catalyst by filtration, the solvent was removed from the  
 10 filtrate in vacuo to yield III as an amorphous solid (0.88 g, 94% yield).

## Example 13

**N-(4-nitro-2,6-dichlorophenyl)-4-formyl-1-piperazineacetamide (III)**

15 A mixture of N-formylpiperazine (0.41 mL, 4.0 mmol), (4-nitro-2,6-dichlorophenyl)-2-bromoacetamide (1.31 g, 4.0 mmol), and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (2.2 g) in 20 mL of DMF was stirred at room temperature for 15 minutes. The mixture was then partitioned between ethyl acetate and water, the aqueous extracts were diluted with brine, and then exhaustively extracted with ethyl acetate. Solvent was removed in vacuo from the combined  
 20 ethyl acetate extracts to yield the III product as a residue (1.79 g): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 2.73-2.78 (m, 2H), 2.85-2.97 (m, 4H), 3.34 (s, 2H), 3.51-3.56 (m, 1H), 3.68-3.72 (m, 1H), 8.30 (s, 2H), 9.14 (broad s, 1H).

## Example 14

**N-(4-amino-2,6-dichlorophenyl)-4-formyl-1-piperazineacetamide (III)**

25 A mixture of N-(4-nitro-2,6-dichlorophenyl)-4-formyl-1-piperazineacetamide (1.79 g crude) was suspended in methanol (50 mL) containing 4% methanolic thiophene (0.5 mL) and 5% platinum on charcoal catalyst (900 mg). This was hydrogenated using a Parr apparatus for 30 minutes at 50 °C and 26 psi. After  
 30 filtration and the removal of solvent in vacuo, the filtrate yielded 1.38 g of crude residue. This was subjected to flash chromatography on deactivated silica gel (from a slurry of 300 g of silica gel in methylene chloride containing 3.4 mL of conc. NH<sub>4</sub>OH). The product was eluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:MeOH:NH<sub>4</sub>OH 98.8:1.0:0.2 yielding 590 mg of III an off-white solid. This was triturated in methylene chloride-ether to yield a white solid  
 35 (520 mg, 39% yield). : m.p. >220 °C (dec.).

## Example 15

**N-(2,6-Dimethylphenyl)-1-piperazineacetamide Dihydrochloride Hydrate (II)**

40 N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-4-formyl-1-piperazineacetamide (17.70g, 64.0 mmol) was dissolved in a mixture of methanol (500 mL) and 1N HCl (130 mL) under nitrogen. The mixture was refluxed for 7h before it was cooled, concentrated and partitioned between ethyl acetate and water. The aqueous phase was then separated away from the organic phase and evaporated down to dryness. There was isolated 21.00g (98%)  
 45 of the title compound as a white solid, m.p. 185-195 °C (sealed tube); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O) δ 7.11-7.01 (m, 3H), 4.31 (s, 2H), 3.65-3.62 (m, 4H), 3.56-3.50 (m, 4H), 2.04 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O) ppm 168.55, 140.74, 136.95, 133.37, 133.19, 61.89, 54.16, 45.56, 22.24; IR (KBr) 3440, 2958, 1690, 1532, 1472, 1442, 1386, 1308, 1240, 964, 770 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS m/z calc'd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O 248.1763, found 248.1763.

50	Anal. Calc'd for C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>21</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O • 2.0HCl • 0.8H <sub>2</sub> O:	C, 50.20;	H, 7.41;	N, 12.55;	H <sub>2</sub> O, 4.38.
	Found:	C, 50.19;	H, 7.26;	N, 12.22;	H <sub>2</sub> O, 2.60.

## Example 16

**Ethyl 4-[[[(2,6-Dimethylphenyl)amino]carbonyl] methyl]-2-piperazinecarboxylate Dihydrochloride Hydrate (II)**

A mixture of 2-bromo, chloro-N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)acetamide (15.3g, 0.063 mol), anhydrous sodium carbonate (6.70g, 0.063 mol), sodium iodide (0.95g) and ethyl 2-piperazineacetate†(10.0g, 0.063 mol) in anhydrous dimethylformamide (200 mL) was heated to 100 °C for 6h before it was cooled and concentrated down in vacuo. The residue was then partitioned between ethyl acetate and water and the organic phase was separated, washed with brine, dried and concentrated. Purification of the residue by flash chromatography on silica gel (gradient elution with absolute ethyl acetate followed by 10% methanol in ethyl acetate) gave 11.60g (57%) of the Formula II compound as a brown oil which was sufficiently pure to be used directly and 5.15g (16%) of ethyl 1,4-bis[[[(2,6-dimethylphenyl)amino]carbonyl]methyl]-2-piperazine carboxylate as a by-product. A small portion of II compound was converted to its dihydrochloride salt with ethereal hydrochloride for characterization purposes. There was isolated an off-white solid, m.p. 149-159 °C (185 °C decomp. pt., sealed tube); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MNz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 10.15 (br m, 1H), 9.77 (s, 1H), 7.06 (s, 3H), 4.54-4.51 (m, 1H), 4.21 (q, J=7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.70 (m, 2H), 3.56-3.52 (m, 1H), 3.40-3.02 (series of m, 5H), 2.13 (s, 6H), 1.21 (t, J=7.1 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) ppm 166.15, 165.67, 135.29, 134.61, 127.78, 126.76, 62.40, 58.51, 53.80, 50.42, 48.30, 41.39, 18.32, 13.92; IR (KBr) 3432, 2982, 2924, 2828, 2732, 2476, 1748, 1668, 1506, 1472, 1444, 1376, 1296, 1274, 1220, 1098, 774 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS m/z calc'd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub> 320.1974, found 320.1982.

Anal. Calc'd for C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>26</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>3</sub> · 2.0HCl · 0.1H <sub>2</sub> O · 0.2Et <sub>2</sub> O:	C, 52.28;	H, 7.20;	N, 10.28;	H <sub>2</sub> O, 0.44.
Found:	C, 52.46;	H, 7.58;	N, 10.34;	H <sub>2</sub> O, 5.52.

## Example 17

**3-Aminocarbonyl-N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-1-piperazineacetamide Dihydrochloride Hydrate (II)**

A mixture of 2-bromo, chloro-N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)acetamide (9.37g, 38.71 mmol), anhydrous sodium carbonate (4.10g, 38.71 mmol), sodium iodide (0.58g) and 2-piperazinecarboxamide†(5.0g, 38.71 mmol) in anhydrous dimethylformamide (200 mL) was heated to 100 °C for 6h before it was cooled and concentrated down in vacuo. The residue was then partitioned between ethyl acetate and water and the organic phase was separated, washed with brine, dried and concentrated. Purification of the residue by flash chromatography on silica gel (gradient elution with absolute ethyl acetate followed by 10% methanol in ethyl acetate) gave 4.25g (38%) of the Formula II compound as an off-white foam and 3.15g (18%) of 2-(aminocarbonyl)-N,N'-bis(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-1,4-piperazinediacetamide as a by-product. A small portion of the title compound was converted to its dihydrochloride salt with methanolic hydrochloride for characterization purposes. There was isolated an off-white solid, m.p. 185-222 °C (dec., sealed tube); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 10.17 (s, 1H), 10.80-10.20 and 9.80-9.60 (2br s, 1H), 8.38 (s, 1H), 7.88 (s, 1H), 7.08 (s, 3H), 4.29-4.22 (m, 1H), 4.16 (br s, 2H), 3.93-3.90 (m, 1H), 3.58-3.55 (m, 1H), 3.44-3.31 (m, 4H), 2.17 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) ppm 167.75, 165.24, 136.83, 135.78, 129.47, 128.57, 58.49, 55.13, 52.22, 49.60, 20.01; IR (KBr) 3406, 3168, 3016, 2698, 2466, 1694, 1538, 1472, 1442, 1398, 774 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS m/z calc'd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub> 291.1821, found 291.1815.

Anal. Calc'd for C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>22</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>2</sub> · 2.0HCl · 0 · 2.6H <sub>2</sub> O:	C, 43.93;	H, 7.18;	N, 13.66;	H <sub>2</sub> O, 11.42.
Found:	C, 42.43;	H, 6.15;	N, 12.82;	H <sub>2</sub> O, 10.6.

†same procedure used as for 2-piperazinecarboxamide Felder, E.; Maffei, S.; Pietra, S.; Pitre, D. *Helv. Chim. Acta.* 1960, **43**, 888.

† Felder, E.; Maffei, S.; Pietra, S.; Pitre, D. *Helv. Chim. Acta.* 1960, **43**, 888.

Example 18**2-(aminocarbonyl)-N-(4-amino-2,6-dichlorophenyl)-1-piperazineacetamide trifluoroacetate (II)**

5 A solution of 2-(aminocarbonyl)-N-(4-amino-2,6-dichlorophenyl)-4-(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)-1-piperazineacetamide (0.88 g, 2.0 mmol) in trifluoroacetic acid (10 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 20 minutes, then the solvent was removed in vacuo to yield a viscous oil (2.34 g, 100% yield) as a (tri)-trifluoroacetate salt containing some residual trifluoroacetic acid.

Example 19**N-(4-amino-2,6-dichlorophenyl)-1-piperazineacetamide (II)**

15 A solution of N-(4-amino-2,6-dichlorophenyl)-4-formyl-1-piperazineacetamide (470 mg, 1.42 mmol) in 1N HCl (20 mL) was refluxed for 45 minutes, and the aqueous HCl removed azeotropically with n-propanol. The residue (610 mg) was recrystallized in methanol-methylene chloride to yield 505 mg of an off-white solid. This material was dissolved in methanol and basified with conc.  $\text{NH}_4\text{OH}$ . After the removal of solvent in vacuo, the residue was dissolved in methanol and filtered. The filtrate yielded, after solvent removal, II as an amorphous residue (370 mg, 86% yield).

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Synthesis of Formula I ProductsExample 20**3-Aminocarbonyl-4-[(4,5-diphenyl-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-1-piperazineacetamide Dihydrochloride Hydrate (I)**

A mixture of 3-aminocarbonyl-N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-1-piperazineacetamide (0.50g, 1.72 mmol), anhydrous sodium carbonate (0.18g, 1.72 mmol), sodium iodide (26mg) and 2-bromomethyl-4,5-diphenyloxazole (0.54g, 1.72 mmol) in anhydrous dimethylformamide (30 mL) was heated to 100 °C for 3h before it was cooled and concentrated down in vacuo. The residue was then taken up in ethyl acetate and washed with saturated sodium bicarbonate solution and brine. Following drying and solvent evaporation, the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (gradient elution with absolute ethyl acetate followed by 10% methanol in ethyl acetate) and afforded 0.62g (55%) of the Formula I compound as a pinkish-tan solid after salt formation with ethereal hydrogen chloride, m.p. 138-176 °C (185 °C decomp. pt., sealed tube);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ )  $\delta$  10.37 (s, 1H), 8.01 (br s, 1H), 7.76 (br s, 1H), 7.64-7.59 (m, 4H), 7.51-7.36 (m, 6H), 7.10 (s, 3H), 5.80-4.40 (br s, 3H), 4.31 (s, 2H), 4.05 (m, 2H), 3.78 (m, 1H), 3.65-3.62 (m, 1H), 3.51-3.27 (series of m, 4H), 3.18-3.08 (m, 1H), 2.18 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ ) ppm 171.38, 164.43, 160.35, 147.31, 136.77, 136.29, 135.57, 133.46, 130.88, 130.72, 130.44, 130.09, 129.91, 129.52, 129.19, 128.66, 128.35, 66.65, 58.03, 54.29, 52.64, 51.47, 19.92, 16.91; IR (KBr) 3402, 3176, 3022, 2558, 1694, 1602, 1540, 1508, 1474, 1444, 1410, 1378, 1224, 1158, 840, 774, 582  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; MS  $m/z$  calc'd for  $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{34}\text{N}_5\text{O}_3$  524.2662, found 524.2645.

Anal. Calc'd for  $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{33}\text{N}_5\text{O}_3 \cdot 2.0\text{HCl} \cdot 0.35\text{Et}_2\text{O} \cdot 1.8\text{H}_2\text{O}$ : C, 59.42; H, 6.48; N, 10.69;  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , 4.95. Found: C, 59.74; H, 5.94; N, 10.89;  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , 5.5.

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Example 21**N-(2,6-Dimethylphenyl)-4-[4,5-diphenyl-2-oxazolyl]-1-piperazineacetamide Dihydrochloride (I)**

50 A mixture of 2-chloro-4,5-diphenyloxazole† (1.52g, 5.97 mmol), anhydrous sodium carbonate (1.89g, 17.91 mmol), and N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-1-piperazineacetamide dihydrochloride hydrate (2.0g, 5.97 mmol) in xylenes/anhydrous dimethylformamide (25 mL/10 mL) was heated to reflux under nitrogen for 6h before it was cooled and concentrated down in vacuo. The residue was then taken up in ethyl acetate and washed with brine. Following drying and solvent evaporation, the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (elution with 50% ethyl acetate in hexanes) and afforded a slightly impure white solid which was recrystallized from ethyl acetate. Salt formation with methanolic hydrogen chloride gave 1.27g (40%) of the

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†Gompper, R.; Effenberger, F. Chem. Ber. 1959, 92, 1928.

Formula I compound as a white solid, m.p. 190-209 °C (dec., sealed tube); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 10.94 (m, 0.5H), 10.46 (s, 1H), 7.58-7.54 (m, 2H), 7.50-7.45 (m, 2H), 7.43-7.28 (m, 6H), 7.09 (s, 3H), 4.41 (s, 2H), 4.18 (m, 2H), 3.63-3.50 (2m, 6H), 2.18 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) ppm 162.62, 158.63, 139.57, 135.08, 134.40, 133.83, 132.17, 128.85, 128.62, 128.30, 127.92, 127.83, 127.51, 126.98, 125.42, 56.11, 50.55, 42.44, 18.23; IR (KBr) 3422, 3182, 3022, 2562, 1690, 1602, 1592, 1540, 1474, 1444, 1404, 1348, 1288, 1238, 960, 766, 694 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (DCI) *m/z* 467.

Anal. Calc'd for C <sub>29</sub> H <sub>30</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>2</sub> · 1.7HCl · 0.3H <sub>2</sub> O:	C, 65.23;	H, 6.10;	N, 10.49;	Cl, 11.29;	H <sub>2</sub> O, 1.01;
Found:	C, 65.28;	H, 6.10;	N, 10.34;	Cl, 0.00;	H <sub>2</sub> O, 1.24

## Example 22

### 15 N-(2,6-Dimethylphenyl)-4-[2-(4,5-diphenyl-2-oxazolyl)ethyl]-1-piperazineacetamide Dihydrochloride Hydrate (I)

To a cold (-10 °C) solution of ethyl 4,5-diphenyl-2-oxazoleacetate (CA:956963, October 29, 1974), (3.0g, 9.76 mmol) in anhydrous tetrahydrofuran (150 mL) was added lithium aluminium hydride (0.37g, 9.76 mmol). After 0.5h, an additional 0.5eq of LAH (0.37g) was added and the mixture was allowed to stir at -10 °C for an additional 3h before it was quenched with 1NHCl. The mixture was then diluted with ethyl acetate and washed with 1NHCl, saturated sodium bicarbonate solution and brine. Following drying and solvent evaporation, the residue was taken up in dry dichloromethane (10 mL) and treated with triethylamine (0.47 mL, 3.39 mmol) and methanesulfonyl chloride (0.26 mL, 3.39 mmol) at 0 °C. After 0.5h at 0 °C, the mixture was diluted with dichloromethane and washed with saturated sodium bicarbonate solution and brine prior to drying and solvent concentration. The mesylate was then treated with N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-1-piperazineacetamide dihydrochloride hydrate (1.14g, 3.39 mmol) under the standard alkylating conditions given supra. There was isolated 0.24g (12%), of the Formula I compound as a pale-yellow solid, m.p. 193-203 °C (sealed tube); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O/DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 10.16 (br s, 1H), 7.55-7.50 (m, 4H), 7.45-7.30 (m, 6H), 7.05 (s, 3H), 4.26 (br s, 2H), 3.68-3.43 (2m, 10H), 2.13 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O/DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) ppm 167.51, 160.63, 147.14, 136.72, 135.61, 134.35, 132.36, 130.78, 130.40, 130.29, 129.38, 128.97, 128.91, 127.74, 59.11, 53.83, 51.33, 50.67, 24.04, 19.01; IR (KBr) 3422, 3178, 2974, 2394, 1684, 1538, 1502, 1474, 1444, 1378, 1286, 962, 766, 696 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (DCI) *m/z* 495.

Anal. Calc'd for C <sub>31</sub> H <sub>34</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>2</sub> · 2.0HCl · 1.7H <sub>2</sub> O · 0.1Et <sub>2</sub> O:	C, 62.28;	H, 6.73;	N, 9.25;	H <sub>2</sub> O, 5.06.
Found:	C, 62.51;	H, 6.48;	N, 8.99;	H <sub>2</sub> O, 5.12.

## 40 Example 23

### 4-[[4,5-Bis(4-ethylphenyl)-2-imidazolyl]methyl]-N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-1-piperazineacetamide Trihydrochloride Hydrate and 4-[[4,5-Bis(4-ethylphenyl)-2-oxazolyl]methyl]-N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-1-piperazineacetamide Dihydrochloride Hydrate

45 (Method A):

1,3-Dicyclohexylcarbodiimide (DCC; 0.81g, 3.92 mmol) was added in one portion to a rapidly-stirred mixture of 4-[[[(2,6-dimethylphenyl)amino]carbonyl]methyl]-1-piperazineacetic acid (1.0g, 3.27 mmol), 2-hydroxy-1,2-di-(4-ethylphenyl)ethanone (IX; 0.88g, 3.27 mmol) and dimethylaminopyridine (DMAP; 40 mg) in anhydrous dimethyl-formamide (25 mL). After 2h at ambient temperature, an additional equivalent of DCC and DMAP were added. The mixture was stirred further for 22h at room temperature before it was heated to 70 °C for 6h. Upon cooling, the mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate, washed with saturated sodium bicarbonate solution and brine, dried and concentrated. Purification of the residue by flash chromatography on silica gel (gradient elution with 50% ethyl acetate in hexanes followed by ethyl acetate) afforded 0.50g of the benzoin ester (VI) as an off-white solid. The ester was taken up in glacial acetic acid (15 mL) and solid ammonium acetate (0.17g) was added. After 0.5h at reflux, additional ammonium acetate (0.17g) was added and the mixture was heated further for 2h before it was cooled and concentrated down in vacuo.

The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (gradient elution with absolute ethyl acetate followed by 10% methanol in ethyl acetate) and furnished after acidification with HCl in methanol 0.14g (3.8%, two steps) of the oxazole product as a tan solid and 0.15g (3.9%, two steps) of the imidazole product as an off-white solid.

5 For the Formula I oxazole: m.p. 223-227 °C (dec., sealed tube); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 10.10 (s, 1H), 7.54-7.50 (m, 4H), 7.34-7.26 (m, 4H), 7.10 (s, 3H), 4.25 (br s, 2H), 4.13 (br s, 2H), 3.60-2.8 (br m, 7H), 2.69-2.60 (m, 4H), 2.16 (s, 6H), 1.21 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) ppm 164.57, 157.96, 147.63, 146.83, 145.76, 136.79, 136.03, 135.54, 130.70, 130.11, 129.82, 129.53, 129.07, 128.68, 128.38, 127.24, 57.81, 53.14, 51.98, 49.95, 29.70, 29.66, 19.91, 17.09, 17.00; IR (KBr) 3430, 2964, 2930, 10  
2872, 1684, 1538, 1522, 1444, 1060, 966, 836 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS *m/z* calc'd for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>41</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub> 537.3229, found 537.3223.

For the Formula I imidazole: m.p. 208-215 °C (dec., sealed tube); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 10.28 (s, 1H), 7.44 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 4H), 7.32 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 4H), 7.10 (s, 3H), 4.32 (s, 2H), 4.14 (s, 2H), 3.85 (br s, 12H), 3.53 (br s, 2H), 3.37 (br s, 2H), 3.15 (br s, 2H), 2.65 (q, J = 7.6 Hz, 4H), 2.17 (s, 6H), 1.20 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) ppm 164.46, 146.98, 136.74, 135.48, 130.16, 129.90, 129.57, 128.74, 15  
126.51, 57.58, 53.04, 51.64, 50.36, 29.64, 19.89, 17.01; IR (KBr) 3422, 2964, 2932, 2544, 1688, 1640, 1532, 1444, 1416, 1384, 836, 770 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS *m/z* calc'd for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>42</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O 536.3389, found 536.3391.

#### Example 24

20 **4-[[4,5-Bis(4-ethylphenyl)-2-imidazolyl]methyl]-N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-1-piperazineacetamide Trihydrochloride Hydrate and 4-[[4,5-Bis(4-ethylphenyl)-2-oxazolyl]methyl]-N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-1-piperazineacetamide Dihydrochloride Hydrate**

25 (Method B):

A solution of bromoacetyl chloride (2.00 mL, 24.2 mmol) in anhydrous dichloromethane (20 mL) was added dropwise to a cold (0 °C) mixture of 2-hydroxy-1,2-di-(4-ethylphenyl)ethanone (IX; 6.5g, 24.2 mmol) and N-methylmorpholine (NMM; 2.7 mL, 24.2 mmol) in anhydrous dichloromethane (180 mL). The mixture  
30 was stirred at 0 °C for 1h and at ambient temperature for 2h before additional 2-hydroxy-1,2-di-(4-ethylphenyl)ethanone (0.5 mL) and NMM (0.6 mL) were added to aid in completion. After 1h, the mixture was washed with saturated sodium bicarbonate solution, 1N HCl and brine. Following drying and solvent evaporation, the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (gradient elution with 10% ethyl acetate in hexanes followed by 25% ethyl acetate in hexanes) and furnished 6.10g (65%) of bromoacetoxy-  
35 1,2-di-(4-ethylphenyl)ethanone as a pale-yellow oil which was carried on directly. A portion of bromoacetoxy-1,2-di-(4-ethylphenyl)ethanone (3.15g, 8.09 mmol) was treated with anhydrous sodium carbonate (0.86g, 8.09 mmol), sodium iodide (0.12g) and N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-1-piperazineacetamide (2.0g, 8.09 mmol) in anhydrous acetonitrile (120 mL) and the resulting mixture was heated to 80 °C for 5h before it was cooled and concentrated down in *vacuo*. Purification of the residue by flash chromatography on silica  
40 gel with absolute ethyl acetate gave 3.40g (76%) of 2-oxo-1,2-di-(4-ethylphenyl)ethyl 4-[[[(2,6-dimethylphenyl) amino]carbonyl]-methyl]-1-piperazineacetate as pale-yellow foam. A portion of 2-oxo-1,2-di-(4-ethylphenyl)ethyl 4-[[[(2,6-dimethylphenyl) amino] carbonyl]-methyl]-1-piperazineacetate (2.50g, 4.50 mmol) was dissolved in glacial acetic acid (75 mL) and ammonium acetate (1.65g, 22.5 mmol) was added. The mixture was gently refluxed under nitrogen for 6h before the solvent was removed in *vacuo*. The residue  
45 was partitioned between ethyl acetate and 1N sodium hydroxide solution (until basic) and the organic phase was separated, washed with brine, dried and concentrated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (gradient elution with ethyl acetate followed by 10% methanol in ethyl acetate) and yielded 0.61g (22%) of the oxazole product I as a white solid and 0.85g (30%) of the imidazole product I as a white solid after salt formation with ethereal hydrogen chloride.

50 For the oxazole: m.p. 134-156 °C (sealed tube); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 10.43 (s, 1H), 7.44 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 4H), 7.28 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 7.06 (s, 3H), 4.33 (s, 2H), 4.20 (s, 2H), 3.52-2.90 (series of m, 8H), 2.65-2.58 (m, 4H), 2.14 (s, 6H), 1.17 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>/D<sub>2</sub>O) ppm 162.51, 145.97, 142.13, 135.18, 132.39, 128.45, 128.01, 127.94, 127.71, 123.86, 55.97, 51.84, 50.05, 48.46, 27.73, 17.47, 14.85; IR (KBr) 3422, 3176, 2964, 2932, 2354, 1688, 1538, 1522, 1498, 1474, 1456, 1444, 1414,  
55 1374, 1298, 1060, 964, 836, 772 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (DCI) *m/z* 537.



Anal. Calc'd for $C_{34}H_{40}N_4O_2 \cdot 1.6HCl \cdot 0.5H_2O$ :	C, 67.61;	H, 7.11;	N, 9.28;	Cl, 9.39;	H <sub>2</sub> O, 1.49;
Found:	C, 67.59;	H, 7.03;	N, 9.11;	Cl, 9.35;	H <sub>2</sub> O, 1.68.

5 For the imidazole: m.p. 185-195 °C (sealed tube); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 10.32 (s, 1H), 7.50 (d, J=7.9 Hz, 4H), 7.29 (d, J=8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (d, J=8.3 Hz, 2H), 4.32-4.30 (m, 4H), 3.58-3.07 (series of m, 8H), 2.66-2.57 (m, 4H), 2.15 (s, 6H), 1.17 (t, J=7.5 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>/D<sub>2</sub>O) ppm 163.09, 157.00, 146.08, 145.59, 144.60, 135.16, 133.88, 132.72, 128.27, 128.09, 127.91, 127.54, 127.35, 126.43, 124.96, 56.32, 51.75, 51.07, 48.55, 27.81, 27.77, 17.63, 15.02; IR (KBr) 3422, 3176, 2966, 2932, 10  
2872, 2560, 1690, 1636, 1530, 1496, 1456, 1416, 1374, 1304, 1240, 836, 772 cm<sup>-1</sup>;

Anal. Calc'd for $C_{34}H_{41}N_5O \cdot 2.3HCl \cdot 0.6H_2O$ :	C, 64.78;	H, 7.12;	N, 11.11;	Cl, 12.94;
Found:	C, 64.48;	H, 7.03;	N, 10.83;	Cl, 13.05.

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### Example 25

#### 20 2-(aminocarbonyl)-N-(4-amino-2,6-dichlorophenyl)-4-[(4,5-diphenyloxazolyl)methyl]-1-piperazineacetamide (I)

A mixture of 2-(aminocarbonyl)-N-(4-amino-2,6-dichlorophenyl)-1-piperazineacetamide trifluoroacetate (1.38 g, 2.0 mmol), 4,5-diphenyl-2-bromomethyloxazole (72% pure, 875 mg, 2.0 mmol), and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (4.0 g) in 20 mL of DMF was stirred at room temperature for 15 minutes. The resulting mixture was partitioned  
25 between ethyl acetate-hexane and water, the organic extract dried, and solvent removed in vacuo to yield a crude residue of 1.27 g. This material was subjected to flash chromatography on deactivated silica gel (from a slurry of 300 g of silica gel in methylene chloride containing 3.4 mL of conc. NH<sub>4</sub>OH). The product was eluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:MeOH:NH<sub>4</sub>OH 97.4:2.0:0.6, yielding a residue of 970 mg which was triturated in methanol-ether to yield a white solid (638 mg, 55% yield): m.p. 137-139 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  
30 δ 2.83-3.27(m, 7H), 3.32 (s, 2H), 3.81 (s, 2H), 5.67 (s, 2H), 6.64 (s, 2H), 7.28 (s, 2H), 7.40-7.49 (m, 6H), 7.55-7.63 (m, 4H), 9.44 (s, 1H); MS (FAB) m/z 579 (M<sup>+</sup>);

Anal. calc'd for $C_{29}H_{28}N_6O_3Cl_2 \cdot H_2O$ :	C, 58.30;	H, 5.06;	N, 14.07;
Found:	C, 58.06;	H, 4.92;	N, 13.87;

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### Example 26

#### 40 N-(4-amino-2,6-dichlorophenyl)-4-[(4,5-diphenyloxazolyl)methyl]-1-piperazineacetamide

A mixture of N-(4-amino-2,6-dichlorophenyl)-1-piperazinecarboxamide (370 mg, 1.22 mmol), 4,5-diphenyl-2-bromomethyloxazole (72%, 530 mg, 1.22 mmol), and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (700 mg) in 20 mL of DMF was stirred at room temperature for 15 minutes, then partitioned between ethyl acetate and water. The ethyl  
45 acetate extract was dried and the solvent removed in vacuo to yield a crude residue of 900 mg. This was recrystallized in methylene chloride-ether to yield a white solid (312 mg, 48% yield): m.p. >203 °C (dec.); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 2.50-2.65 (m, 8H), 3.05 (s, 2H), 3.75 (s, 2H), 5.63-5.64 (s, 2H), 6.60 (s, 2H), 7.34-7.47 (m, 6H), 7.52-7.58 (m, 4H), 9.14 (s, 1H); MS (DCI) m/z 536 (M<sup>+</sup>);

Anal. calc'd for $C_{28}H_{27}N_5O_2Cl_2 \cdot 0.25H_2O$ :	C, 62.17,	H, 5.12,	N, 12.95,
Found:	C, 62.13,	H, 5.05,	N, 12.89.

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Appropriate modification of the foregoing procedures result in production of other Formula I products.  
55 These modifications would be familiar to one skilled in the art. Some additional Formula I compounds prepared in this manner are set forth below.

## Example 27

**2-Aminocarbonyl-N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-4-[(4,5-diphenyl-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-1-piperazineacetamide Dihydrochloride Hydrate (I)**

Obtained 0.78g (55%), pale-yellow crystalline solid, m.p. 166-176 °C (sealed tube); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 9.94 (br s, 1H), 8.23 (br s, 1H), 7.81 (br s, 1H), 7.61-7.58 (m, 4H), 7.51-7.36 (m, 6H), 7.08 (s, 3H), 4.34 (m, 2H), 4.14 (m, 1H), 3.87 (m, 2H), 3.54-3.21 (3m, 5H), 2.15 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) ppm 174.59, 169.63, 161.45, 147.06, 137.01, 136.56, 136.14, 133.55, 130.75, 130.43, 130.01, 129.38, 129.14, 128.26, 67.60, 60.59, 56.53, 55.14, 53.11, 52.84, 19.87; IR (KBr) 3414, 3020, 2466, 1688, 1504, 1476, 1444, 1378, 1072, 1026, 964, 766, 696 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (DCI) *m/z* 524.

Anal. Calc'd for C <sub>31</sub> H <sub>33</sub> N <sub>5</sub> O <sub>3</sub> • 2.0HCl • 1.0H <sub>2</sub> O • 0.3Et <sub>2</sub> O:	C, 60.73;	H, 6.33;	N, 11.00;	H <sub>2</sub> O, 2.83.
Found:	C, 60.41;	H, 5.93;	N, 11.08;	H <sub>2</sub> O, 2.57.

## Example 28

**N-(2,6-Dimethylphenyl)-4-[(4,5-diphenyl-2-thiazolyl)methyl]-1-piperazineacetamide Dihydrochloride Hydrate (I)**

Obtained 0.80g (58%), off-white solid, m.p. 149-166 °C (decomp. pt. 195 °C, sealed tube); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 10.37 (s, 1H), 7.47-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.39-7.37 (m, 3H), 7.35-7.29 (m, 5H), 7.07 (s, 3H), 4.47 (br s, 2H), 4.33 (s, 2H), 3.60 (br s, 4H), 3.39-3.32 (m, 4H), 2.16 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>/D<sub>2</sub>O) ppm 163.22, 161.95, 149.24, 135.19, 134.60, 133.51, 132.74, 130.59, 129.12, 128.98, 128.84, 128.55, 128.46, 128.37, 127.92, 127.55, 56.39, 55.83, 50.70, 48.81, 17.64; IR (KBr) 3422, 2966, 2362, 1684, 1538, 1498, 1474, 1440, 760, 698 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS *m/z* 497.2375, found 497.2364.

Anal. Calc'd for C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>32</sub> N <sub>4</sub> OS • 1.7HCl • 0.2H <sub>2</sub> O:	C, 64.09;	H, 6.11;	N, 9.97;	H <sub>2</sub> O, 0.64;
Found:	C, 64.12;	H, 6.07;	N, 9.92;	H <sub>2</sub> O, 0.60.

## Example 29

**4-[(2-Benzimidazolyl)methyl]-N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-1-piperazine acetamide Trihydrochloride Hydrate (I)**

Obtained 0.78g (53%), m.p. 200-230 °C (sealed tube); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 10.47 (s, 1H), 7.82-7.79 (m, 2H), 7.53-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.07 (s, 3H), 4.34 (s, 2H), 4.27 (s, 2H), 3.52 (br m, 8H), 3.11 (m, 2H), 2.89 (m, 2H), 2.16 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>/D<sub>2</sub>O) ppm 162.43, 150.18, 135.19, 132.53, 130.37, 127.96, 127.68, 126.18, 113.76, 55.97, 51.89, 51.07, 48.78, 17.57; IR (KBr) 3422, 3176, 2966, 2856, 1688, 1622, 1538, 1474, 1460, 1442, 1388, 1340, 1292, 990, 752, 622 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS *m/z* calc'd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>28</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O: 378.2294, found 378.2290.

Anal. Calc'd for C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>27</sub> N <sub>5</sub> O • 2.5HCl • 0.7H <sub>2</sub> O • 0.14Et <sub>2</sub> O:	C, 64.09;	H, 6.11;	N, 9.97;	H <sub>2</sub> O, 0.64;
Found:	C, 55.36;	H, 6.44;	N, 14.09;	H <sub>2</sub> O, 2.34.

Example 30**N-(2,6-Dimethylphenyl)-4-[(4,5-diphenyl-2-imidazolyl)methyl]-1-piperazineacetamide Dihydrochloride Hydrate**

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Obtained 0.26g (32%), off-white solid, m.p. 195-210 °C (dec., sealed tube); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 10.41 (s, 1H), 7.52-7.51 (m, 4H), 7.44-7.43 (m, 6H), 7.06 (s, 3H), 4.30 (s, 2H), 4.17 (s, 2H), 3.51 (m, 2H), 3.34 (m, 2H), 3.18 (m, 2H), 2.86 (m, 2H), 2.14 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>/D<sub>2</sub>O) ppm 162.49, 142.59, 135.17, 132.62, 129.74, 129.13, 128.24, 128.08, 127.95, 127.62, 126.65, 56.01, 51.79, 50.15, 48.50, 17.61; IR (KBr) 3422, 3176, 2956, 2836, 2682, 2562, 1690, 1638, 1602, 1538, 1476, 1444, 1368, 1284, 766, 696 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS *m/z* calc'd for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>34</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>1</sub>: 480.2763, found 480.2753.

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Anal. Calc'd for C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>33</sub> N <sub>5</sub> O • 2.1HCl • 0.8H <sub>2</sub> O:	C, 63.15;	H, 6.48;	N, 12.27;	H <sub>2</sub> O, 2.53;
Found:	C, 63.30;	H, 6.36;	N, 12.26;	H <sub>2</sub> O, 2.35.

Example 31**2,6-(Dimethylphenyl)-4-[4,5-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-1-piperazineacetamide Dihydrochloride**

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Obtained 0.31g (9%), white solid, m.p. 229-235 °C (dec., sealed tube); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 10.33 (s, 1H), 7.54-7.49 (m, 4H), 7.07 (s, 3H), 7.05-6.96 (m, 4H), 4.43 (br s, 2H), 4.34 (br s, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.69-3.65 (m, 4H), 3.54-3.37 (m, 4H), 2.16 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) ppm 162.70, 159.83, 159.19, 154.72, 145.63, 135.08, 133.85, 133.59, 128.64, 128.31, 127.80, 126.94, 123.82, 120.38, 114.50, 114.18, 55.91, 55.34, 55.21, 50.87, 49.60, 47.95, 18.23; IR (KBr) 3422, 3258, 3228, 2940, 2352, 1704, 1610, 1540, 1520, 1498, 1446, 1304, 1248, 1176, 1022, 956, 826 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS *m/z* calc'd for C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>37</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: 541.2815, found 541.281.

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Additional Formula I compounds, synthesized by modifications of the foregoing synthetic procedures, are set forth in Table I.

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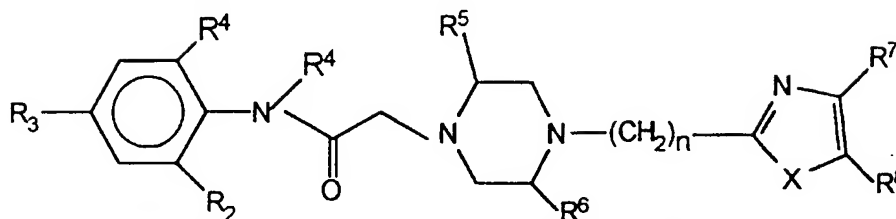
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Table I  
Additional Products of Formula I



Ex. #	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7=R8	n	X	mp(°C)
32	Me	Me	H	H	H	H	Ph	1	O	165-170 <sup>1</sup>
33	Me	Me	H	H	H	COOEt	Ph	1	O	118-112 <sup>1</sup>
34	Me	Me	H	H	H	H	p-F-Ph	1	O	189-191 <sup>2</sup>
35	Me	Me	H	H	H	H	p-CF3-Ph	1	O	159-161 <sup>2</sup>
36	Me	Me	H	H	H	H	m-CL-Ph	1	O	174-76 <sup>2</sup>
37	Me	Me	H	H	H	H	Ph	3	O	220-25 <sup>1</sup>
38	Me	Me	H	H	H	H	Ph	4	O	140-45 <sup>1</sup>
39	Me	Me	H	H	H	H	Ph	4	S	222-224 <sup>1</sup>
40	Me	Me	H	H	-(CH2)-		Ph	1	O	165-170 <sup>1</sup>
41 <sup>4</sup>	Me	Me	H	H	O(H)	H(O)	Ph	1	O	75-95 <sup>3</sup>
42	Cl	Cl	NH2	H	H	CONH2	Ph	1	O	206-8 <sup>1</sup>
43	H	H	H	H	H	H	Ph	1	O	161-65 <sup>2</sup>
44	H	H	Cl	H	H	H	Ph	1	O	176-174 <sup>2</sup>
45	H	H	F	H	H	H	Ph	1	O	171-75 <sup>2</sup>
46	H	H	OMe	H	H	H	Ph	1	O	166-170 <sup>2</sup>
47	H	H	Me	H	H	H	Ph	1	O	164-165 <sup>2</sup>
48	Cl	Cl	H	H	H	H	Ph	1	O	176-179 <sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> HCl Salt

<sup>2</sup> Maleate Salt

<sup>3</sup> Free base

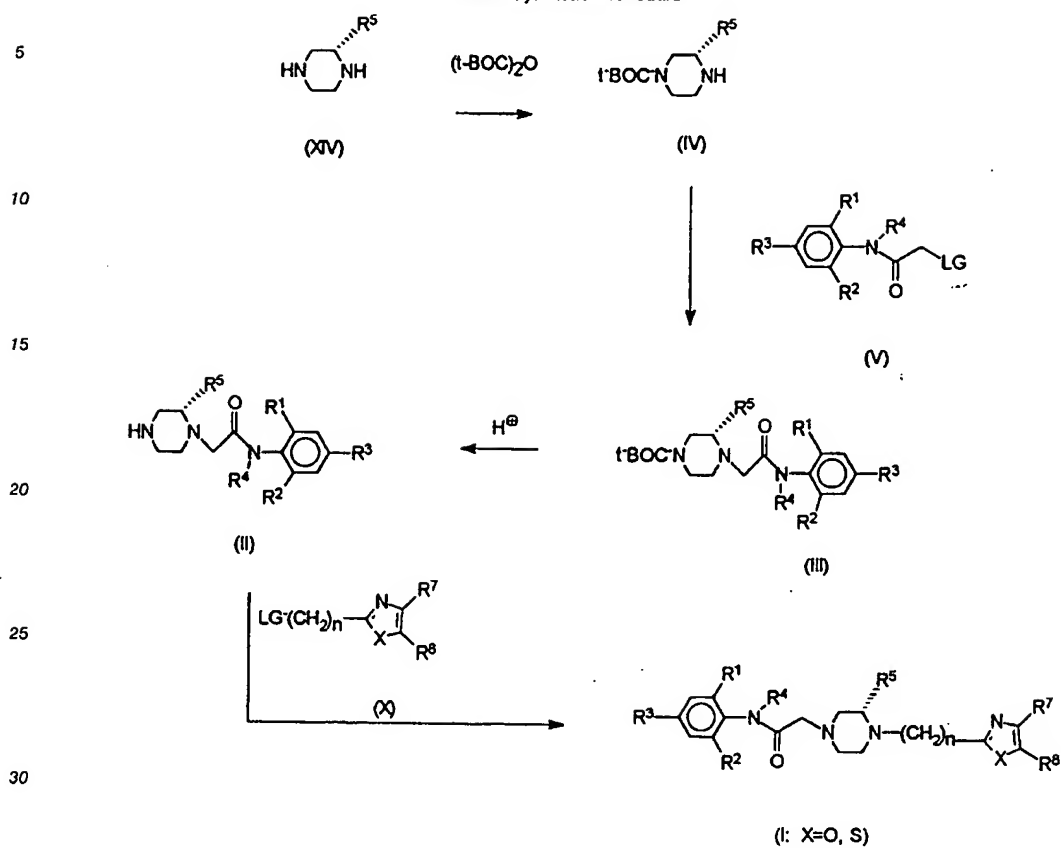
<sup>4</sup> A mixture of (2:1) 2-oxo and 3-oxo piperazine derived product

#### Further Detailed Description of the Invention

Some additional compounds of Formula I have been made and tested and have been found to have the pharmacologic profile that, as described *supra*, would make them useful antiischemic agents. These compounds are described more fully in the following examples and in Table II, *infra*, and were prepared by utilizing appropriate modifications of the foregoing synthetic procedures.

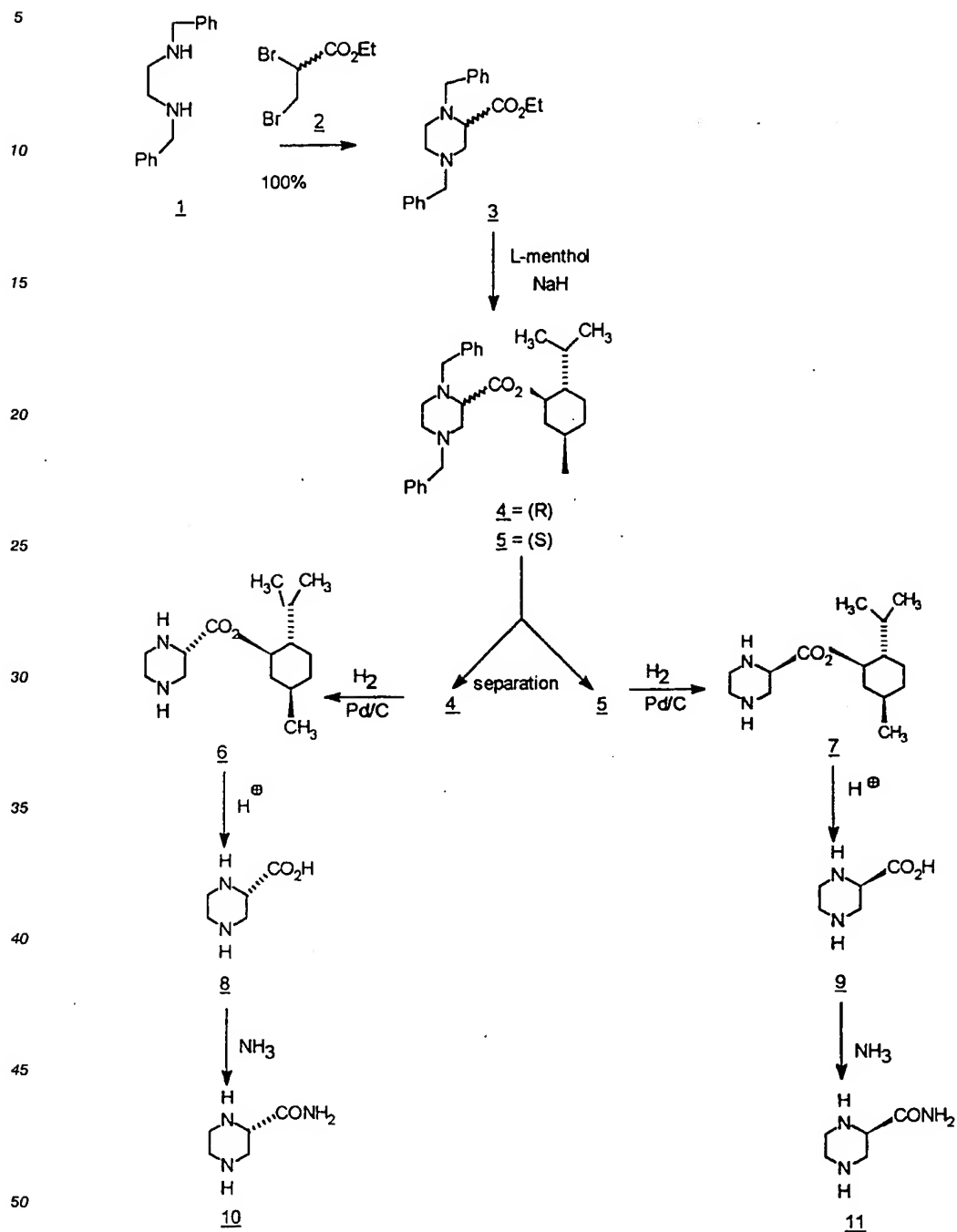
A chiral synthetic procedure was also developed to provide single enantiomers of certain stereoisomeric compounds of Formula I. The procedure is illustrated in Scheme III. This synthesis results in a Formula I compound with a chiral center in the piperazine ring. Utilization of this scheme resulted in isolation of the single enantiomers for a preferred compound of the present series: R-(+)- and S-(-)-2-(aminocarbonyl)-4-[(4,5-diphenyl-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-N-(4-amino-2,6-dichlorophenyl)-1-piperazineacetamide. While both enantiomers were neuroprotective, the S-(-)-enantiomer had about 30 times the activity of the R-(+)-enantiomer.

Scheme III  
Chiral Synthetic Procedure



Preparation of the single enantiomers of the specific piperazine starting material is shown in Scheme IV.

Scheme IV  
Preparation of Enantiomer Piperazines



## Chiral Synthesis of Enantiomeric Piperazine Compounds of Formula I

## Example 49

5 R-(+)-Piperazine-2-Carboxamide (10)**A. Ethyl N,N'-di(phenylmethyl)-piperazine -2-carboxylate (3)**

To a solution of 1 (N,N'-dibenzylethylene-diamine, 76.8 g, 0.296 mol) in toluene (240 mL) at 40 °C with  
 10 mechanical stirring was added dropwise a solution of 2 (ethyl 2,3-dibromopropionate, 71.0 g, 0.296 mol) and  
 triethylamine (84 mL, 0.60 mol) in 75 mL of toluene such that the temperature remained below 80 °C. The  
 mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 2.5 hours, then cooled. The resulting mixture was filtered, and the filtrate  
 partitioned with 200 mL of water. The organic extract was dried with Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and solvent removed in vacuo  
 to yield an amber oil (3, 105 g, 100% yield). This material was used as is in the subsequent step, thus  
 15 analysis was not obtained.

**B. L-Menthyl-R-(+)-N,N'-di(phenylmethyl)piperazine-2-carboxylate hydrochloride monohydrate (4)**

A mixture of 3 (94.25 g, 0.264 mol), L-menthol (53.6 g, 0.343 mol), and NaH (2.0 g, 60% suspension in  
 20 mineral oil) in 150 mL of toluene was distilled with the gradual addition of toluene as needed. This was  
 continued for 1.5 hours. The mother liquor was then stirred in a mixture of 2N HCl (170 mL) and diethyl  
 ether (800 mL) for 30 minutes. The resulting precipitate was then collected by filtration and washed with  
 ether, followed by 1N HCl, yielding a white solid (83.0 g). A second crop crystallized after standing overnight  
 (12.6 g). The first crop was fractionally recrystallized in 400 mL ethanol and 240 mL 0.2 N HCl, adding 80  
 25 mL of 0.2N HCl to the mother liquor each time a further crystallization was carried out. Six crops were  
 collected by this method. Optical rotation was used to determine optical purity relative to literature values.

4: The first three crops consisted primarily of R-isomer, and were combined.

Obtained: a white solid (40.0 g, 30% yield); m.p. 152-167 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 0.56-0.59 (d,  
 j=6.9 Hz, 3 H), 0.74-0.76 (d, j=6.9 Hz, 3 H), 0.83-0.86 (d, j=6.3 Hz, 3 H), 0.93-1.04 (g, j=11.7 Hz, 3 H),  
 30 1.31-1.43 (m, 2 H), 1.57-1.62 (m, 3 H), 1.87-1.90 (d, j=11.7 Hz, 1 H), 2.66-2.72 (m, 2 H), 3.03-3.24 (m, 4 H),  
 3.40 (s, 3 H), 3.70-3.82 (dd, j=14.4, 10.2 Hz, 2 H), 4.43-4.48 (m, 2 H), 4.61-4.67 (dt, j=6.9, 3.6 Hz, 1 H),  
 7.26-7.32 (m, 5 H), 7.43 (s, 3 H), 7.61 (s, 2 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 15.45, 20.49, 21.80, 22.41,  
 25.44, 30.82, 33.53, 46.06, 46.42, 49.93, 50.77, 57.77, 58.57, 61.94, 75.10, 127.46, 128.32, 128.72, 128.83,  
 129.46, 131.50, 136.66, 168.69; IR (KBr): 1730, 1275, 755, 700 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (DCI): m/z 449; [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> +18.73  
 35 (c=1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); analysis calc'd. for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>40</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>·HCl·H<sub>2</sub>O: C, 69.23; H, 8.61; N, 5.57; found: C, 69.51; H,  
 8.57; N, 5.56.

**C. L-Menthyl-R-(-)-piperazine-2-carboxylate dihydrochloride (6)**

A mixture of 4 (21.8 g, 0.0434 mol) and 10% Pd/C (2.6 g) in 200 mL of ethanol was hydrogenated in a  
 40 Parr apparatus at 40-50 psi for 18 hours. Catalyst was then removed by filtration, and the filtrate  
 concentrated in vacuo. To the residue was added 1N HCl in ether (25 mL) combined with 50 mL of ethanol.  
 This mixture was stirred vigorously for 30 minutes, then a white solid was collected by filtration (12.7 g,  
 86% yield); m.p. >225 °C (dec.); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 0.67-0.70 (d, j=6.9 Hz, 3 H), 0.84-0.88  
 45 (dd, j=5.7, 0.9 Hz, 6 H), 1.03-1.10 (m, 2 H), 1.38-1.45 (t, j=11.4 Hz, 2 H), 1.61-1.65 (d, j=10.5 Hz, 2 H),  
 1.78-1.89 (dsept, j=6.9, 2.7 Hz, 1 H), 1.91-1.95 (m, 1 H), 3.19-3.50 (m, 6 H), 3.65-3.71 (dd, j=9.9, 3.3 Hz, 1  
 H), 4.58-4.63 (dd, j=8.4, 3.6 Hz, 1 H), 4.67-4.76 (dt, j=6.6, 4.5 Hz, 1 H), 10.29 (br s, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75  
 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 15.78, 20.73, 21.11, 21.83, 22.40, 25.26, 30.75, 33.49, 40.57, 46.07, 51.89, 76.63, 164.56;  
 IR (KBr): 3600-2300, 1745, 1370, 1250 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (DCI): m/z 269; [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> -50.34 (c=1.1 H<sub>2</sub>O); analysis  
 50 calc'd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>28</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>·2.3 HCl: C, 51.15; H, 8.67; N, 7.95; found: C, 51.07; H, 8.70; N, 7.59.

**D. R-(+)-Piperazine-2-carboxylic acid dihydrochloride (8)**

A solution of 6 (12.7 g, 0.0372 mol) in 100 mL of 6N HCl was refluxed 6 hours, then cooled, and 200  
 55 mL of diethyl ether was added. The resulting mixture was stirred 30 minutes, and a white solid collected by  
 filtration (6.53 g, 86% yield); m.p. >255 °C (dec.); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O): δ 3.29-3.47 (m, 3 H), 3.59-3.71  
 (m, 2 H), 3.85-3.90 (m, 1 H), 4.25-4.30 (m, 1 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O): δ 42.14, 42.48, 44.63, 56.00,  
 170.18; IR (KBr): 3100-2400, 1760, 1216, 926 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (DCI): m/z 131; [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> +3.89 (c=1.2, 2N HCl);

analysis calc'd. for  $C_5H_{10}N_2O_2 \cdot 2HCl$ : C, 29.57; H, 5.96; N, 13.80; found: C, 29.74; H, 5.94; N, 13.80.

#### E. R-(+)-Piperazine-2-carboxamide (10)

A solution of **8** (6.98 g, 0.0344 mol) in 200 mL of methanol containing 30% aqueous  $NH_3$  (4.6 mL, 0.069 mol) was refluxed 24 hours with DOWEX 50W-X8 200-mesh,  $H^+$  form cation-exchange resin (42 g, 92 meq). The resin was collected by filtration and resuspended in 200 mL of methanol. This suspension was then cooled to  $0^\circ C$ , and  $NH_3$  was bubbled into solution (9.50 g, 0.560 mol). The flask was then sealed, and stirred at room temperature for 3 days. The resin was then collected by filtration, and placed in a column, and eluted with 150 mL of 2N aqueous  $NH_3$ . The filtrate and eluate were combined, solvent removed in vacuo, and remaining water removed azeotropically with n-propanol. The residue was then purified on Amberlite CG-400, 200 mesh hydroxide form anion exchange resin, eluting **10** with water, and eluting unreacted **8** with 1N HCl. Solvent was removed azeotropically with n-propanol, yielding a white solid (3.23 g, 73% yield); m.p.  $140-148^\circ$ ;  $^1H$  NMR (300 MHz,  $DMSO-d_6$ ):  $\delta$  2.37-2.60 (m, 4 H), 2.69-2.75 (m, 1 H), 2.83-2.88 (m, 1 H), 2.98-3.02 (m, 1 H), 6.96 (br s, 1 H), 7.10 (br s, 1 H); IR (KBr): 3600-2700, 1680, 1600  $cm^{-1}$ ; MS (DCI) m/z 130;  $[\alpha]_D^{20} +27.27$  ( $c=1.35$ , EtOH); Analysis calc'd. for  $C_5H_{11}N_3O$ : C, 46.49; H, 8.58; N, 32.53; found: C, 46.26; H, 8.59; N, 32.18.

#### Example 50

#### (S)-(-)-Piperazine-2-carboxamide (11)

#### A. L-Menthyl-S-(-)-N,N'-di(phenylmethyl)piperazine-2-carboxylate dihydrochloride (5)

Step B-E of Example 49 are repeated using the residual material of Step A of Example 49.

The remaining three crops consisted primarily of S-isomer and were combined with the original second crop. Obtained: a white solid (36.0 g, 26% yield); m.p.  $165-171^\circ C$ ;  $^1H$  NMR (300 MHz,  $DMSO-d_6$ )  $\delta$  0.65-0.67(d,  $j=6.6$  Hz, 3 H), 0.84-0.86 (d,  $j=6.0$  Hz, 6 H), 0.93-1.18 (q,  $j=8.7$  Hz, 3 H), 1.41-1.45 (m, 2 H), 1.60-1.64 (d,  $j=10.5$  Hz, 2 H), 1.82-1.86 (m, 2 H), 2.64-2.71 (m, 1 H), 2.98-3.26 (m, 4 H), 3.39-3.46 (m, 1 H), 3.77-3.80 (m, 3 H), 4.29-4.34 (m, 2 H), 4.65-4.68 (m, 1 H), 7.29-7.31 (m, 5 H), 7.42 (s, 3 H), 7.59-7.61 (m, 2 H);  $^{13}C$  NMR (75 MHz,  $DMSO-d_6$ )  $\delta$  15.75, 20.56, 21.84, 22.60, 25.71, 30.80, 33.56, 46.15, 46.30, 49.11, 50.97, 57.49, 58.38, 62.17, 75.13, 127.54, 128.35, 128.70, 128.98, 129.52, 131.66, 168.59; IR (KBr) 1735, 1200, 750, 700  $cm^{-1}$ ;  $[a]_D^{20} -104.45$  ( $c=1.0$ ,  $CHCl_3$ ); HRMS (FAB): m/z calc'd for  $C_{29}H_{41}N_2O_2$ : 449.3168; found: 449.3183.

#### B. L-Menthyl 8-(-)-Piperazine-2-carboxylate dihydrochloride. (7)

White solid, m.p.  $249-251^\circ$  (dec., sealed tube);  $^1H$  NMR (300 MHz,  $DMSO-d_6$ )  $\delta$  10.26 (br s, 3H), 4.76-4.68 (m, 1H), 4.63-4.58 (m, 1H), 3.65-3.60 (m, 1H), 3.51-3.21 (series of m, 7H), 1.92-1.83 (m, 2H), 1.64-1.60 (m, 2H), 1.43-1.36 (m, 2H), 1.09-0.98 (m, 3H), 0.85 (t,  $J=6.6$  Hz, 6H), 0.69 (d,  $J=6.9$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}C$  NMR (75 MHz,  $DMSO-d_6$ )  $\delta$  164.77, 76.50, 55.99, 51.93, 46.14, 40.77, 33.48, 30.75, 25.36, 22.66, 21.82, 20.62, 18.56, 16.14, 15.78; IR (KBr) 3440, 2956, 2872, 2742, 2696, 2588, 1744, 1454, 1388, 1370, 1354, 1282, 1066, 984, 964, 944, 932  $cm^{-1}$ ; MS (DCI) m/z 269;  $[\alpha]_D^{20} -56.08^\circ$  ( $c=1.2$ , 2N HCl); analysis calc'd for  $C_{15}H_{28}N_2O_2 \cdot 2HCl \cdot 0.6H_2O$ : C, 51.17. H, 8.93. N, 7.96. Cl, 20.14.  $H_2O$ , 3.07. Found: C, 51.06; H, 8.68; N, 7.83; Cl, 20.32.

#### C. S-(-)-Piperazine-2-carboxylic Acid dihydrochloride (9)

White solid, 8.68g (94%), m.p.  $274-276^\circ$  (dec., sealed tube);  $^1H$  NMR (300 MHz,  $D_2O$ )  $\delta$  10.37 (v br m, 3H), 4.39 (dd,  $J=11.6$ , 3.8 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (dd,  $J=13.3$ , 3.7 Hz, 1H), 3.49-3.35 (m, 2H), 3.33-3.14 (series of m, 3H);  $^{13}C$  NMR (75 MHz,  $DMSO-d_6$ )  $\delta$  166.54, 52.04, 41.11; IR (KBr) 3026, 2982, 2806, 1758, 1552, 1532, 1434, 1408, 1392, 1244, 1216, 1098, 1056, 940, 926, 830, 636, 536  $cm^{-1}$ ; MS (DCI) m/z 131;  $[\alpha]_D^{20} -3.17^\circ$  ( $c=1.0$ , 2N HCl); analysis calc'd for  $C_5H_{10}N_2O_2 \cdot 2HCl$ : C, 29.57. H, 5.96. N, 13.80. Cl, 34.92. Found: C, 29.60; H, 5.84; N, 13.71; Cl, 35.11.



**D. S-(-)-Piperazine-2-carboxamide. (11)**

White solid, 3.18g (59%), m.p. 138-141 °; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 7.14 (br s, 1H), 7.00 (br s, 1H), 3.03 (dd, J=9.3, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 2.91-2.87 (m, 1H), 2.77-2.40 (series of m, 7H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 174.24, 59.12, 49.42, 46.02, 45.28; IR (KBr) 3352, 3312, 3192, 2972, 2948, 2910, 2830, 1678, 1616, 1414, 1310, 1138, 1120, 912, 842 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (DCI) m/z 130; [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> -21.73° (c=1.8, EtOH); analysis calc'd for C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O: C, 46.50. H, 8.58. N, 32.53. Found: C, 46.13; H, 8.51; N, 32.15.

**Example 51**

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**A. R-(-)-(1,1-dimethylethoxycarbonyl)-2-piperazine-carboxamide (XIV-enantiomer)**

A solution of 10 (prepared in Example 49; 7.40 g, 0.574 mol) in 150 mL of methanol at room temperature was stirred for 1 hour with the gradual addition of di-tertbutyl dicarbonate (12.5 g, 0.0574 mol). Solvent was removed in vacuo, and the residue passed through a silica gel plug, eluting with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:MeOH 95:5 to 85:15. Solvent was removed in vacuo to yield the t-BOC derivative as a white solid (11.4 g, 87% yield); m.p. 125-130 °; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 1.39 (s, 9 H), 2.57-2.64 (m, 1 H), 2.84-2.93 (m, 3 H), 3.20-3.23 (m, 1 H), 3.30-3.35 (m, 1 H), 3.65-3.69 (m, 1 H), 3.90-3.95 (m, 1 H), 7.27 (br s, 1 H), 7.47 (br s, 1 H); IR (KBr) 34-- , 1690, 1650, 1370, 1270, 1150; MS (DCI) m/z 230; [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> -19.40 (c=1.0, EtOH); analysis calc'd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>•0.25 H<sub>2</sub>O: C, 51.38; H, 8.41; N, 17.97; found: C, 51.36; H, 8.11; N, 17.83.

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**B. S-(+)-(1,1-dimethylethoxycarbonyl)-2-piperazine-carboxamide (XIV-enantiomer)**

Similarly, the t-BOC derivative of 11 (Ex. 50) was prepared. White solid, 4.55g (89%), m.p. 134-136 °; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 7.27 (br s, 1H), 7.12 (br s, 1H), 3.83 (m, 1H), 3.63-3.59 (m, 1H), 3.06-3.01 (m, 1H), 2.84-2.72 (m, 3H), 2.54-2.49 (m, 2H), 1.39 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 172.82, 153.87, 78.81, 57.78, 46.37, 43.89, 28.07; IR (KBr) 3366, 3252, 3002, 2990, 2976, 2940, 2924, 2862, 1686, 1646, 1406, 1368, 1270, 1222, 1172, 1154, 890 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (DCI) m/z 230; [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> +22.88° (c=1.2, EtOH); analysis calc'd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: C, 52.39. H, 8.35. N, 18.33. Found: C, 52.19; H, 8.27; N, 18.25.

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**Example 52****A. R-(+)-2-(aminocarbonyl)-N-(4-nitro-2,6-dichlorophenyl)-4-(1,1-dimethylethoxycarbonyl)-1-piperazineacetamide (III)**

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A solution of the R-(-)-enantiomer (XIV prepared in Example 51-A: 4.7 g, 0.0205 mol), N-(4-nitro-2,6-dichlorophenyl)-2-bromoacetamide (6.8 g, 0.0207 mol), and triethylamine (3.2 mL, 0.023 mol) in 100 mL of DMF was stirred at room temperature for 4 hours. The solution was then added to 900 mL of ethyl acetate, filtered, and the filtrate partitioned with pH 5 biphthalate buffer 0.5 M (2 X 400 mL), followed by water (2 X 400 mL). The organic extract was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and solvent removed in vacuo. The residue was dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and filtered through a silica gel plug, eluting unreacted starting bromoacetamide with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, and eluting 15 with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:MeOH 90:10. Solvent was removed in vacuo to yield a light tan solid (7.50 g, 77% yield); m.p. 115-120 °; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.47 (s, 9 H), 2.50-2.60 (m, 1 H), 3.05-3.40 (m, 5 H), 3.56-3.61 (m, 1 H), 3.82-3.87 (m, 1 H), 4.05-4.10 (m, 1 H), 5.80 (br s, 1 H), 6.35 (br s, 1 H), 8.26 (s, 2 H); IR (KBr) 1700, 1675, 1535, 1345, 1250 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (DCI) m/z 476; [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> +32.19 (c=1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); Chiral HPLC: 78% ee; Analysis calc'd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>6</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>: C, 45.39; H, 4.87; N, 14.70; found: C, 45.27; H, 4.89; N, 14.53.

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**B. S-(-)-2-(aminocarbonyl)-N-(4-nitro-2,6-dichlorophenyl)-4-(1,1-dimethylethoxycarbonyl)-1-piperazineacetamide (III)**

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Similarly, the S-(-)-enantiomeric compound was prepared from the XIV intermediate obtained in Example 51-B.

Pale, yellow foam, 8.20g (90%), m.p. 102-105 °; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 10.16 (s, 1H), 8.40 (s, 2H), 7.64 (s, 1H), 7.34 (s, 1H), 3.69-3.65 (m, 2H), 3.33 (s, 1(?)), 3.23-2.99 (m, 5H), 2.42-2.36 (m, 1H), 1.39 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 172.08, 168.48, 153.55, 146.27, 139.24, 134.27, 123.57, 79.12, 64.23, 59.77, 58.32(?), 54.92, 50.20, 45.56, 41.69, 28.01; IR (KBr) 3268, 3096, 2978, 2934, 1698, 1538, 1482, 1428,

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1390, 1366, 1346, 1268, 1246, 1168, 1148, 1126, 812, 758, 742  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; MS (DCI)  $m/z$  476;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$  -23.09° ( $c$  = 1.6, EtOH); analysis calc'd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{23}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_5\text{O}_6 \cdot 0.35\text{EtOAc} \cdot 0.08\text{CH}_3\text{CN} \cdot 0.11\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2 \cdot 0.10\text{H}_2\text{O}$ : C, 45.30, H, 5.11, N, 13.64.  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , 0.35. Found: C, 44.95; H, 4.96; N, 13.44;  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .

#### 5 Example 53

##### A. R-(+)-2-(aminocarbonyl)-N-(4-amino-2,6-dichlorophenyl)-4-(1,1-dimethylethoxycarbonyl)-1-piperazineacetamide (III)

10 A mixture of the product of Example 52A (7.35 g, 0.0154 mol), 5% Pt/C (3.25 g), and 4% methanolic thiophene (1.5 mL) in 150 mL of methanol was hydrogenated in a Parr apparatus at 50° C and 50 psi for 2 hours. Catalyst was removed by filtration, and solvent removed in vacuo from the filtrate, yielding a white solid (6.73 g, 93% yield); m.p. >135 (dec.);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ ):  $\delta$  1.40 (s, 9 H), 2.28-2.34 (m, 1 H), 2.89-3.32 (m, 6 H), 3.66-3.76 (m, 2 H), 5.68 (s, 2 H), 6.65 (s, 2 H), 7.63 (s, 1 H), 7.95 (s, 1 H), 9.46 (s, 1 H); IR (KBr): 3400-3300, 1700, 1670, 1370, 1260  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; MS (DCI):  $m/z$  446;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$  +30.33 ( $c$  = 1.2, EtOH); Analysis calc'd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_5\text{O}_4\text{Cl}_2 \cdot 0.5 \text{H}_2\text{O} \cdot 0.5 \text{CH}_4\text{O}$ : C, 47.14; H, 5.99; N, 14.86; found: C, 47.08; H, 5.53; N, 14.77.

##### 20 B. S-(-)-2-(aminocarbonyl)-N-(4-amino-2,6-dichlorophenyl)-4-(1,1-dimethylethoxycarbonyl)-1-piperazineacetamide (III)

In similar fashion the product of Example 52B was hydrogenated to give off-white foam, 7.0g (93%), m.p. 155-160°;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ ):  $\delta$  9.47 (s, 1H), 7.64 (s, 1H), 7.32 (s, 1H), 6.64 (s, 2H), 5.68 (s, 2H), 3.70-3.65 (m, 2H), 3.26-2.88 (series of m, 6H), 2.32-2.26 (m, 1H), 1.39 (s, 9H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ ):  $\delta$  172.22, 168.76, 153.53, 149.31, 133.88, 119.44, 112.47, 79.12, 64.84, 58.29, 50.23, 45.35, 28.02; IR (KBr) 3448, 3350, 2978, 2932, 1684, 1598, 1504, 1462, 1426, 1366, 1270, 1246, 1168, 1126, 802  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; MS (DCI)  $m/z$  446;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$  -26.99° ( $c$  = 0.95, EtOH); Analysis calc'd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{25}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_5\text{O}_4 \cdot 0.10\text{H}_2\text{O}$ : C, 48.25, H, 5.67, N, 15.63.  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , 0.40. Found: C, 47.96; H, 5.57; N, 15.24;  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .

#### 30 Example 54

##### A. R-(+)-2-(aminocarbonyl)-N-(4-amino-2,6-dichlorophenyl)-1-piperazineacetamide trihydrochloride(II)

35 A solution of the protected acetamide intermediate prepared in Example 53A (6.55 g, 0.0147 mol) in 20 mL of methanol and 80 mL of ethyl acetate was combined with 200 mL of 1 N HCl in ether. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 hours, the solvent reduced to 50 mL in vacuo, and 50 mL of diethyl ether added. The resulting precipitate was collected by filtration. This was recrystallized in methanol: acetonitrile 1:3 to yield a white solid (5.3 g, 79% yield), m.p. 190-215 (dec.);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ ):  $\alpha$  2.90-2.95 (m, 1 H), 3.10-3.47 (m, 7 H), 3.62-3.64 (m, 1 H), 6.84 (s, 2 H), 7.66 (s, 1 H), 7.98 (s, 1 H), 9.24 (br s, 1 H), 9.64 (br s, 1 H), 9.75 (s, 1 H); IR (KBr): 3700-3200, 1690, 1600, 1530  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; MS (DCI):  $m/z$  346;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$  +17.94 ( $c$  = 1.0,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ); analysis calc'd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_5\text{O}_2\text{Cl}_2 \cdot 3 \text{HCl}$ : C, 34.27; H, 4.43; N, 15.37; found: C, 34.31; H, 4.69; N, 15.34.

##### 45 B. S-(-)-2-(aminocarbonyl)-N-(4-amino-2,6-dichlorophenyl)-1-piperazineacetamide Trihydrochloride (II)

In similar fashion the S-enantiomeric intermediate was de-protected to give off-white solid, 5.88g (87%), m.p. 222-226° (dec., sealed tube);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ ):  $\delta$  7.51 (s, 2H), 3.72 (dd,  $J$  = 8.4, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 3.66-3.23 (series of m, 7H), 3.00-2.90 (m, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ ):  $\delta$  175.00, 174.10, 137.71, 134.54, 133.97, 126.08, 62.83, 59.52, 49.68, 46.67, 44.86; IR (KBr) 3378, 3268, 3136, 2916, 2810, 2592, 1706, 1542, 1470, 1416, 1376, 968, 810, 596  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; MS (DCI)  $m/z$  346;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$  -3.67° ( $c$  = 1.1,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ); analysis calc'd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{17}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_5\text{O}_2 \cdot 2.95\text{HCl} \cdot 1.5\text{H}_2\text{O}$ : C, 32.48, H, 4.81, N, 14.57, Cl, 36.50.  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , 5.62. Found: C, 32.64; H, 4.55; N, 14.57; Cl, 36.60;  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , 12.57.

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## Example 55

**A. R-(+)-2-(aminocarbonyl)-N-(4-amino-2,6-dichlorophenyl)-4-[(4S-diphenyl-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-1-piperazineacetamide trihydrochloride monohydrate (I)**

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A mixture of the compound II prepared in Example 54A (5.0 g, 0.011 mol) in 100 mL of acetonitrile containing triethylamine (6.4 mL, 0.046 mol) was stirred at room temperature until fully dissolved. To this was added 2-bromomethyl-4,5-diphenyloxazole (3.46 g, 0.011 mol), and the resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 4 hours. Solvent was removed in vacuo, and the residue was partitioned between  
 10  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (100 mL) and saturated aqueous  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  (75 mL). The organic extract was washed with water (2 X 50 mL), then dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  and solvent removed in vacuo. The residue was subjected to flash chromatography, and the product was eluted with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ : MeOH: $\text{NH}_4\text{OH}$  98.8:1.0:0.2 to 98.2:1.5:0.3, yielding a light yellow solid (3.17 g, 50% yield). Optical purity was determined to be 74% ee by chiral HPLC. Fractional recrystallization in absolute ethanol resulted in enrichment of the R-enantiomer in the  
 15 mother liquors by precipitating racemate. Solvent was removed in vacuo from the enriched mother liquor, and the residue was partitioned between MeOH: $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  70:30 (100 mL) and  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (5 X 10 mL), removing most colored impurities. Solvent was removed in vacuo from the water-methanol extract, and the residue was subjected to flash chromatography, using previous conditions, yielding an off-white solid (1.10 g). This was dissolved in a mixture of  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  and methanol, to which was added 1N HCl in ether (6.0 mL). Solvent  
 20 was removed in vacuo to yield an off-white solid (100% ee, 1.15 g, 15% yield); m.p. >185 (dec.);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ ):  $\delta$  3.15-3.25 (m, 2 H), 3.35-3.45 (m, 3 H), 3.49-3.54 (m, 1 H), 3.70 (br s, 2 H), 3.97-4.02 (m, 1 H), 4.40 (br s, 2 H), 5.75 (s, 1 H), 6.76 (s, 2 H), 7.33-7.51 (m, 6 H), 7.57-7.60 (m, 4 H), 7.77 (s, 1 H), 8.10 (s, 1 H), 9.89 (br s, 1 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ ): 48.36, 51.43, 54.95, 113.74, 126.71, 127.42, 127.87, 128.56, 128.82, 129.09, 129.44, 131.37, 133.73, 134.85, 146.26, 147.61; IR (KBr): 3700-  
 25 1900, 1700, 770, 700  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; MS (DCI): m/z 579;  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  +15.80 (c=0.9, EtOH); analysis calc'd for  $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}_6\text{O}_3\text{Cl}_2 \cdot 3 \text{HCl} \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ : CT 49.28; H, 4.71; N, 11.89; found: C, 49.29; H, 4.66; N, 11.76.

**B. (S-)-2-(aminocarbonyl)-N-(4-amino-2,6-dichlorophenyl)-4-[(4S-diphenyl-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-1-piperazineacetamide trihydrochloride (I)**

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In a similar manner the S-enantiomeric product was prepared as white solid (100% ee, 99.6% overall purity), 1.50g (17%), m.p. 200-210° (br m, 8H), 7.03 (s, 2H), 4.47 (s, 2H), 4.04-4.02 (m, 1H), 3.75-3.56 (2m, 3H), 3.42-3.25 (m, 5H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6/\text{D}_2\text{O}$ )  $\delta$  169.97, 168.21, 153.79, 146.96, 144.26, 134.93, 133.91, 130.69, 129.74, 129.04, 128.87, 127.48, 127.22, 126.60, 122.36, 115.60, 60.99, 55.79, 51.29, 50.81,  
 35 49.25, 47.42; IR (KBr) 3394, 3160, 2956, 2842, 2570, 1698, 1604, 1526, 1504, 1470, 1444, 1414, 1384, 1358, 766, 696  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; MS (DCI) m/z 579;  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  -18.68° (c=1.0, EtOH); analysis calc'd for  $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}_6\text{O}_3\text{Cl}_2 \cdot 1.6\text{HCl} \cdot 0.9\text{H}_2\text{O}$ : C, 53.26; H, 4.84; N, 12.85; Cl, 19.52;  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , 2.48. Found: C, 53.22; H, 4.74; N, 12.80; Cl, 19.50;  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , 2.34.

## 40 Example 56

**4-[2-Benzimidazolyl)methyl)-N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-1-piperazineacetamide trihydrochloride Hydrate Etherate. (I)**

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Using 2-benzimidazolylmethyl bromide as the compound X starting material was obtained 0.78 g (33%) of the title compound as a pale yellow solid, m.p. 200-230° C (sealed tube);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ )  $\delta$  10.47 (s, 1H), 7.82-7.79 (m, 2H), 7.53-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.07 (s, 3H), 4.34 (s, 2H), 4.27 (s, 2H), 3.52 (br m, 8H), 3.11 (m, 2H), 2.89 (m, 2H), 2.16 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz  $\text{DMSO}-d_6/\text{D}_2\text{O}$ ) ppm 162.43, 150.18, 135.19, 132.53, 130.37, 127.96, 127.68, 126.18, 113.76, 55.97, 51.89, 51.07, 48.78, 17.59; IR (KBr) 3422, 3176,  
 50 2966, 2856, 1688, 1622, 1538, 1474, 1460, 1442, 1388, 1340, 1292, 990, 752, 622  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; MS m/c calc'd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}_5\text{O}$ : 378.2294, found 378.2290. Anal. Calc'd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}_5\text{O} \cdot 2.5\text{HCl} \cdot 0.7\text{H}_2\text{O} \cdot 0.14\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ : C, 55.12; H, 6.62; N, 14.25;  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , 2.57. Found C, 55.36; H, 6.44; N, 14.09;  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , 2.34.

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Example 57**4-[(2-benzoxazolyl)methyl]-N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-1-piperazineacetamide Maleate (1:2.75)**

5 1.45g of the intermediate piperazineacetamide of Example 15 in acetonitrile (30 ml); 3g K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>; a catalytic amount of KI and 1eq (0.95 g, 4.53 mMol) of bromomethylbenzoxazole was stirred 24 hrs, filtered, and the solvents evaporated. The residue was dissolved in MeOH, made acidic with maleic acid and allowed to crystallize. Filtration gave 1.67 g product 53% yield; mp 163-165 °C; <sup>1</sup>HNMR (300 MHz DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 9.81 (s, 1H), 7.74 (m, 2H) 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.07 (m, 3H), 4.09 (s, 2H), 4.02 (s, 2H), 3.28 (s, 4H), 2.90 (s, 4H), 2.13 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 166.96(0), 162.41(0), 150.30(0), 140.49(0), 135.05(0), 133.80(0), 133.36(+), 127.85(+), 127.00(+), 125.40(+), 124.59(+), 119.76(+), 110.89(+), 56.64(-), 53.17(-), 51.80(-), 48.95(-), 18.07(+); IR (KBr) 3392, 1696, 1620, 1574, 1518, 1468, 1454, 1428, 1356, 1218, 1082, 990, 868; MS (DCI) m/e 379; Analysis calc'd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub>•2.75C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>4</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: C, 56.81 H, 5.35 N, 8.03; found: C, 56.52 H, 5.34 N, 8.39.

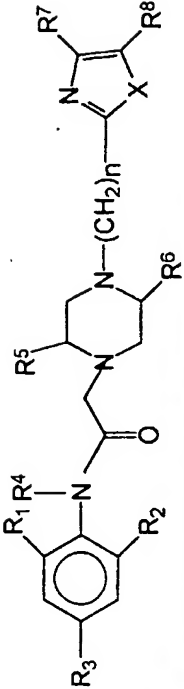
Example 58**(1S, 4S) N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-5-[(3,4-diphenyl-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-2,5-diazabicyclo[2.2.1]heptane-2-acetamide dihydrochloride.**

20 The 2,5-diazabicyclo [2.2.1] heptane (2 mmoles; prepared as described in W088/02627) was alkylated with the intermediate of Example 7, 2-bromo-N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)acetamide, in 20mL of DMF with K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> as base. The desired mono-alkylated product was purified by column chromatography and further alkylated with 2-bromomethyl-4,5-diphenyloxazole in DMF (20 mL) with K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> as a base. The product was isolated and purified by column chromatography. Anhydrous HCl in ether was used to prepare the corresponding dihydrochloride salt. m.p. (165-170 °).

Example 59**30 N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-4-[(4,5-diphenyl-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-1,4-diazabicyclo[2.2.1]octane-1-acetamide.**

Employing similar experimental procedure described above, 1,4-diazabicyclo [2.2.2] octane (cf: J.Het. Chem. 11, 449 (1974)) was converted to the title compound. m.p. 154-185 ° (HCl salt).

Table II  
Further Products of Formula I



Ex. #	R <sup>1</sup>	R <sup>2</sup>	R <sup>3</sup>	R <sup>4</sup>	R <sup>5</sup>	R <sup>6</sup>	R <sup>7</sup>	R <sup>8</sup>	X	n	mp
60	Cl	Cl	NHCO(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> —C(=O)Me	H	H	H	Ph	Ph	O	1	74-75
61	Cl	Cl	NHCO(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> —C(=O)Me	H	CONH <sub>2</sub>	H	Ph	Ph	O	1	118-121
62	Cl	Cl	NH <sub>2</sub>	H	(R) CONH <sub>2</sub>	H	Ph	Ph	O	1	195-200
63	Cl	Cl	NH <sub>2</sub>	H	(S) CONH <sub>2</sub>	H	Ph	Ph	O	1	200-210 <sup>1</sup>
64	Cl	Cl	H	H	CONH <sub>2</sub>	H	Ph	Ph	O	1	172-198 <sup>1</sup>
65	H	CH <sub>3</sub>	H	H	H	H	Ph	Ph	O	1	166-171 <sup>2</sup>

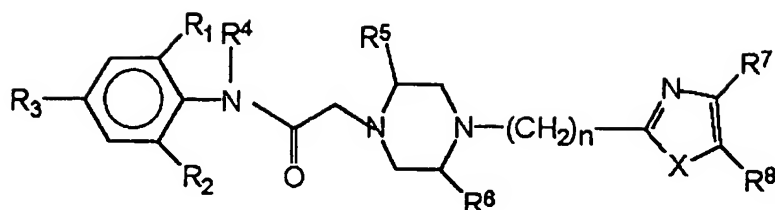
Ex. #	R <sup>1</sup>	R <sup>2</sup>	R <sup>3</sup>	R <sup>4</sup>	R <sup>5</sup>	R <sup>6</sup>	R <sup>7</sup>	R <sup>8</sup>	X	n	mp
66	H	Cl	H	H	H	H	Ph	Ph	O	1	176-178 <sup>2</sup>
67	CH <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>	H	H	H	H	4(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> N-Ph	Ph	NH	1	95-110 <sup>2</sup>
68	CH <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>	H	H	H	H	4(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> N-Ph	Ph	O	1	183-186 <sup>2</sup>
69	CH <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>	H	H	CO <sub>2</sub> Me	H	Ph	Ph	O	1	135-158 <sup>1</sup>
70	Cl	Cl	NH <sub>2</sub>	H	CONH <sub>2</sub>	H	4F-Ph	4F-Ph	O	1	152-155 <sup>2</sup>
71	Cl	Cl	NO <sub>2</sub>	H	CONH <sub>2</sub>	H	Ph	Ph	O	1	120 <sup>2</sup>
72	Cl	Cl	NO <sub>2</sub>	H	H	H	Ph	Ph	O	1	135-138 <sup>2</sup>
73	CH <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>	H	H	H	H	H	Ph	O	1	154-161 <sup>2</sup>
74	CH <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>	H	H	H	H	Ph	H	O	1	166-167 <sup>2</sup>
75	CH <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>	H	CH <sub>3</sub>	H	H	Ph	Ph	O	1	179-180 <sup>2</sup>
76	CH <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>	H	H	H	H	4BrPh	4BrPh	O	1	172-173

\*1 HCl Salt

2 Maleate Salt

## Claims

1. A Compound of Formula I

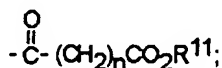


or a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salts and hydrates thereof wherein

R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are independently selected from hydrogen, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy, halogen and trifluoromethyl;

R<sup>3</sup> is hydrogen, halogen, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy, nitro or -NR<sup>9</sup>R<sup>10</sup> with

R<sup>9</sup> and R<sup>10</sup> being independently selected from hydrogen, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, alkanoyl and

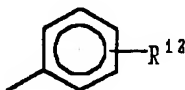


R<sup>4</sup> is hydrogen or C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl;

R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> are independently selected from hydrogen, -CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>11</sup> with R<sup>11</sup> being C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl,

-CONR<sup>9</sup>R<sup>10</sup> and oxo, or R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> can be taken together to form a methylene or ethylene bridge;

R<sup>7</sup> and R<sup>8</sup> are taken together as a butylene bridge or are both



with R<sup>12</sup> being hydrogen,

halogen, trifluoromethyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl or C<sub>2-4</sub> alkyl-N(R<sup>4</sup>)<sub>2</sub>;

n is zero or an integer from 1 to 4; and

X is S, O, or NH.

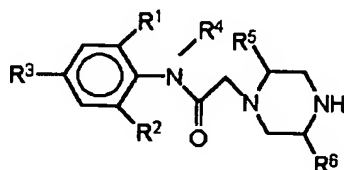
2. A compound of claim 1 wherein R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are selected from methyl and chloro; R<sup>5</sup> is aminocarbonyl; R<sup>7</sup> and R<sup>8</sup> are phenyl; and n is 1.

3. A compound of claim 1 selected from the group consisting of N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-4-[(4,5-diphenyl-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-1-piperazineacetamide; N-(2,6-dichlorophenyl)-4-[(4,5-diphenyl-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-1-piperazineacetamide; 4-[[4,5-bis(4-ethylphenyl)-2-oxazolyl]methyl]-N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-1-piperazineacetamide; 4-[[4,5-bis(4-fluorophenyl)-2-oxazolyl]methyl]-N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-1-piperazineacetamide; 4-[[4,5-bis(4-trifluoromethyl)-phenyl]-2-oxazolyl]methyl]-N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-1-piperazineacetamide; 4-[[4,5-bis(3-chlorophenyl)-2-oxazolyl]methyl]-N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-1-piperazineacetamide; 4-[[4,5-diphenyl-2-oxazolyl]ethyl]-N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-1-piperazineacetamide; N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-4-[4-(4,5-diphenyl-2-oxazolyl)propyl]-1-piperazineacetamide; N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-4-[4-(4,5-diphenyl-2-oxazolyl)butyl]-1-piperazineacetamide; N-(4-amino-2,6-dichlorophenyl)-4-[(4,5-diphenyl-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-1-piperazineacetamide; 4-[(4,5-diphenyl-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-N-phenyl-1-piperazineacetamide; N-(4-chlorophenyl)-4-[(4,5-diphenyl-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-1-piperazineacetamide; 4-[(4,5-diphenyl-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-N-(4-fluorophenyl)-1-piperazineacetamide; 4-[(4,5-diphenyl-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-N-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-piperazineacetamide; 4-[(4,5-diphenyl-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-N-(4-methylphenyl)-1-piperazineacetamide; N-(2,6-dichlorophenyl)-4-[(4,5-diphenyl-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-1-piperazineacetamide; 2,6-dimethylphenyl-4-[(4,5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-1-piperazineacetamide.

4. A compound of claim 1 selected from the group consisting of 4-[[4,5-bis(4-ethylphenyl)-2-imidazolyl]methyl]-N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-1-piperazineacetamide; N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-4-[(4,5-diphenyl-2-imidazolyl)methyl]-1-piperazineacetamide;

idazolyl)methyl]-1-piperazineacetamide; N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-4-[4-(4,5-diphenyl-2-thiazolyl)butanyl]-1-piperazineacetamide; N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-4-[(4,5-diphenyl-2-thiazolyl)methyl]-1-piperazineacetamide; N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-4-[5-[4-(dimethylamino)phenyl]]-[5-phenyl-2-imidazolyl)methyl]-1-piperazineacetamide.

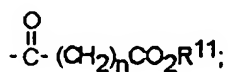
- 5 5. A compound of claim 1 selected from the group consisting of ethyl-4-[[[(2,6-dimethylphenyl)amino]carboxymethyl]-1-[(4,5-diphenyl-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-2-piperazinecarboxylate; 2-aminocarbonyl-4-[(4,5-diphenyl-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-1-piperazineacetamide; (1S,4S) N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-5-[(4,5-diphenyl-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-2,5-diazabicyclo[2,2,1]heptane-2-acetamide; 2-aminocarbonyl-N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-4-[(4,5-diphenyl-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-1-piperazineacetamide; 3-(aminocarbonyl)-N-(4-amino-2,6-dichlorophenyl)-4-[(4,5-diphenyl-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-1-piperazineacetamide; 2-aminocarbonyl-N-(4-amino-2,6-dichlorophenyl)-4-[(4,5-diphenyl-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-1-piperazineacetamide; 2-aminocarbonyl-4-[(4,5-diphenyl-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-N-(4-amino-2,6-dichlorophenyl)-1-piperazineacetamide; 5-[[3,5-dichloro-4-[[[4-[2-(aminocarbonyl)-4-[(4,5-diphenyl-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-1-piperazinyl]acetyl]amino]phenyl]amino]-S-oxo pentanoic acid methylester; 2-(aminocarbonyl)-4-[(4,5-diphenyl-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-N-(2,6-dichlorophenyl)-1-piperazineacetamide; methyl 1-[[[(2,6-dimethylphenyl)amino]carbonyl)methyl]-4-[(4,5-diphenyl-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-2-piperazinecarboxylate; 2-(aminocarbonyl)-N-(4-amino-2,6-dichlorophenyl)-4-[(4,5-bis(4-fluorophenyl)-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-1-piperazineacetamide; 2-(aminocarbonyl)-N-(2,6-dichloro-4-nitrophenyl)-4-[(4,5-diphenyl-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-1-piperazineacetamide.
- 10 6. The compound of claim 5, 2-aminocarbonyl-4-[(4,5-diphenyl-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-N-(4-amino-2,6-dichlorophenyl)-1-piperazineacetamide.
- 15 7. A compound as claimed in any of claims 1-6 for use as an antiischemic agent.
8. A pharmaceutical formulation which comprises as an active ingredient a compound, as claimed in any of claims 1-6, associated with one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers, excipients or diluents thereof.
- 20 9. A pharmaceutical formulation according to claim 8 wherein the formulation is in unit dosage form.
10. A process for preparing a compound as claimed in any one of claims 1-6 which comprises reacting a compound of Formula II



II

wherein R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are independently selected from hydrogen, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy, halogen and trifluoromethyl;

R<sup>3</sup> is hydrogen, halogen, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy, nitro or -NR<sup>9</sup>R<sup>10</sup> with R<sup>9</sup> and R<sup>10</sup> being independently selected from hydrogen, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, alkanoyl and



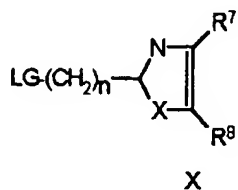
where R<sup>11</sup> is C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, and n is zero or 1 to 4;

R<sup>4</sup> is hydrogen or C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl; and

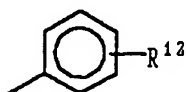
R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> are independently selected from hydrogen, -CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>11</sup>, -CONR<sup>9</sup>R<sup>10</sup>, and oxo, or R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup>



can be taken together to form a methylene or ethylene bridge;  
a) with a compound of Formula X



where R<sup>7</sup> and R<sup>8</sup> are taken together as a butylene bridge or are both

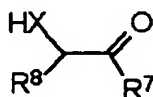


with R<sup>12</sup> being hydrogen, halogen, trifluoromethyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl or C<sub>2-4</sub> alkyl-N(R<sup>4</sup>)<sub>2</sub>;

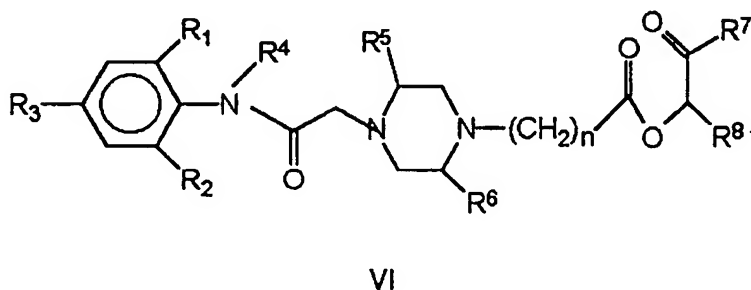
X is S or O; and

LG is a synthetic organic leaving group; to give a Formula I product wherein X is O or S; or by reacting II

b) with a compound of Formula VII, EtO<sub>2</sub>C-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>-LG, followed by reaction with a compound of Formula IX,

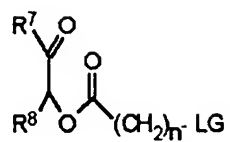


to give an intermediate of Formula VI



which is then treated with NH<sub>4</sub>OAc/HOAc to give Formula I products wherein X is O or NH; or by reacting II

c) with a compound of Formula VII



VIII

to give intermediate VI which is treated with  $\text{NH}_4\text{OAc}/\text{HOAc}$  to give Formula I products wherein X is O or NH.



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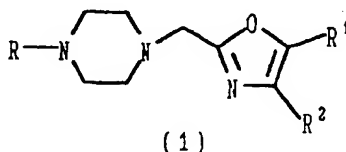
## Description

## Background of the Invention

This invention pertains to N-piperazineacetamide derivatives of 4,5-diphenyl-oxazoles, thiazoles and imidazoles having drug and bio-affecting properties and to their preparation and use. In particular the compounds of this invention are novel adenosine re-uptake inhibitors that are neuroprotective under conditions of anoxia, ischemia or stroke.

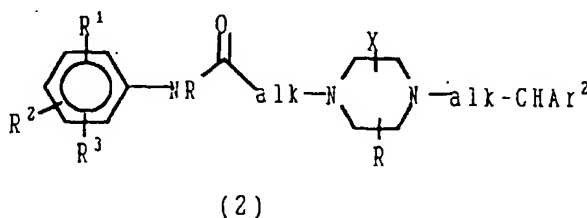
Related art in terms of chemical structure may be represented by the following references.

Inoue, *et al.*, in U.S. 4,101,660 disclosed and claimed a series of antiinflammatory and analgesic oxazole compounds (1)



in which R<sup>1</sup> is phenyl, R<sup>2</sup> is hydrogen and R is hydroxyethyl. The series was extended to diphenyl derivatives (R<sup>1</sup> = R<sup>2</sup> = phenyl) in *Chem. Abstr.* 91:56986x and to piperidine derivatives (R = piperidinylalkyl) in *Chem. Abstr.* 91:56987y.

Various N-aryl-piperazinealkanamides of structure (2)

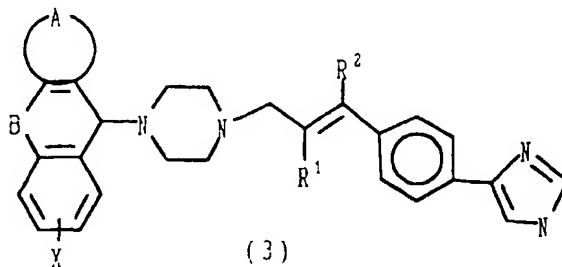


have been reported as anti-ischemic agents for myocardial tissue and for treating sleep disorders.

N-aryl-4-(4,4-diarylbutyl)-1-piperazinealkanamides optionally substituted in the piperazine ring are described as coronary vasodilators, local anesthetics, CNS-stimulants and anticarrageenin agents in U.S. 3,267,104 to Hermans and Schaper.

A structurally related series of compounds with different X substituents attached to the piperazine ring was disclosed as being useful in treating ischemia in cardiac tissue in U.S. 4,776,125 to Van Daele.

A series of piperazine derivatives including compounds of structure (3) have been claimed in U.S. 4,948,796 to Hiraiwa *et al.*, as being useful for the protection of cerebral cells from ischemia.



A method for treating neurodegenerative conditions by increasing extracellular concentrations of adenosine by use of, for example, adenosine transport inhibitors, was described by Marangos and Gruber in WO 91/04032.

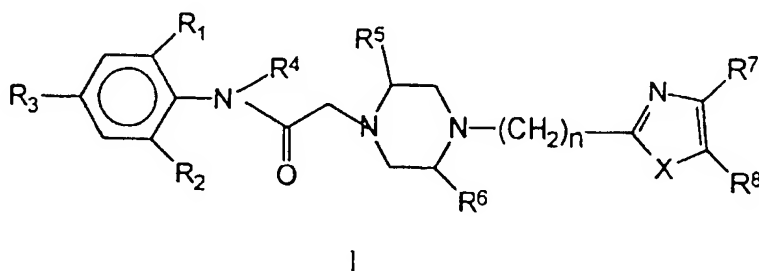
There is nothing in any of the foregoing references, or in the general prior art, to suggest the novel antiischemic diphenyl-oxazoles, thiazoles and imidazoles of the present invention.

### Summary of the Invention

This invention is concerned with 1-piperazinyl-N-phenylacetamide derivatives of fused benzo- and 4,5-diphenyl-oxazoles, thiazoles and imidazoles which are novel adenosine transport inhibitors. The derivatives of 4,5-diphenyl-oxazoles, thiazoles and imidazoles are preferred. These compounds are useful in protecting CNS tissue, particularly neurons, against the effects of ischemia which can result from trauma or disorders such as stroke. The method involves administration of novel compounds of this invention to a mammal in need of such treatment.

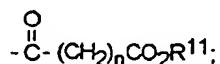
### Detailed Description of the Invention

In its broadest aspect, the present invention comprises 1-piperazin-4-yl-N-phenylacetamide derivatives of fused benzo- and 4,5-diphenyl-oxazoles, thiazoles, and imidazoles having anti-ischemic properties and which are structurally depicted by Formula I

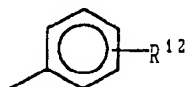


wherein

R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are independently selected from hydrogen, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy, halogen and trifluoromethyl;  
R<sup>3</sup> is hydrogen, halogen, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy, nitro or -NR<sup>9</sup>R<sup>10</sup> with R<sup>9</sup> and R<sup>10</sup> being independently selected from hydrogen, or C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1-5</sub> alkanoyl and



R<sup>4</sup> is hydrogen or C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl;  
R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> are independently selected from hydrogen, -CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>11</sup> with R<sup>11</sup> being C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, -CONR<sup>9</sup>R<sup>10</sup> and oxo, or R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> can be taken together to form a methylene or ethylene bridge;  
R<sup>7</sup> and R<sup>8</sup> taken together is a butylene bridge or are each



with R<sup>12</sup> being hydrogen, trifluoromethyl, halogen, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl or C<sub>2-4</sub> alkyl-N(R<sup>4</sup>)<sub>2</sub>;  
n is zero or an integer from 1 to 4; and  
X is S, O, or NH.

Pharmaceutically acceptable salts and/or solvates, particularly hydrates, of the Formula I compounds also comprise the present invention which further includes stereoisomers such as enantiomers which can arise as a consequence of structural asymmetry in selected Formula I compounds. Separation of individual isomers is accomplished by application of various methods and procedures well known to practitioners in the art or by methods adapted for use

with the instant series of compounds. An example of such a method is set forth in the preferred embodiment section of this specification.

Preferred compounds of Formula I comprise structures wherein R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are methyl or chloro; R<sup>5</sup> is aminocarbonyl; and R<sup>7</sup> and R<sup>8</sup> are phenyl rings both substituted and unsubstituted. A more preferred compound is 2-aminocarbonyl-4-[(4,5-diphenyl-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-N-(4-amino-2,6-dichlorophenyl)-1-piperazineacetamide.

For medicinal use, the pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salts, those salts in which the anion does not contribute significantly to toxicity or pharmacological activity of the organic cation, are preferred. The acid addition salts are obtained either by reaction of an organic base of structure I with an organic or inorganic acid, preferably by contact in solution, or by any of the standard methods detailed in the literature available to any practitioner skilled in the art. Examples of useful organic acids are carboxylic acids such as maleic acid, acetic acid, tartaric acid, propionic acid, fumaric acid, isethionic acid, succinic acid, pantoic acid, cyclamic acid, pivalic acid and the like; useful inorganic acids are hydrohalide acids such as HCl, HBr, HI; sulfuric acid; phosphoric acid and the like. The preferred solvate forms of Formula I compounds are hydrates.

The compounds of the present invention are useful pharmacologic agents with anti-ischemic properties. With adenosine potentiating properties, the compounds can be useful as neuroprotective, anticonvulsant and sleep improving agents. Representative compounds were selected and tested demonstrating their ability to potentiate pentobarbital-induced sleep time. Activity in this pharmacologic test indicates sedative potential for compounds as sleep agents.

Central nervous system tissue is particularly vulnerable to damage caused by ischemic conditions. Brain ischemia, or insufficient oxygen, may result from injury or disease and may last from only transient periods of time to periods of lengthy duration, as in stroke. In this regard, the compounds of Formula I are useful for treatment and prevention of injury to the brain and spinal cord and of edema due to head trauma, stroke, arrested breathing, cardiac arrest, Rey's syndrome, cerebral thrombosis, embolism, hemorrhage or tumors, encephalomyelitis, spinal cord injury, hydroencephalitis, and post-operative brain injury.

Numerous reports have suggested that adenosine plays a neuroprotective role in the central nervous system under conditions of anoxia, ischemia, and/or stroke. Therefore agents that increase adenosine levels in ischemic tissue should result in enhanced neuroprotection. From a pharmacologic standpoint, there are advantages to potentiating or maintaining adenosine levels by inhibiting the adenosine re-uptake transport system. Thus the anti-ischemic activity of the compounds of Formula I was initially demonstrated by effective inhibition of adenosine reuptake transport. This inhibition was measured by evaluating the compounds of Formula I for their ability to block the uptake of radiolabeled adenosine into rat cortical synaptosomes See: Bender, Wu and Phillis, The characterization of [<sup>3</sup>H] adenosine uptake into rat cerebral cortical synaptosomes, 35 J. Neurochem. 629-640 (1980).

Selected compounds of Formula I, usually having IC<sub>50</sub> values of less than 10 μM in the adenosine reuptake transport inhibition assay, were also tested in *in vivo* stroke models such as protection of hippocampal tissue from ischemic cell loss resulting from bilateral carotid occlusion in a gerbil model and reduction of neocortical infarct volume after middle cerebral artery occlusion (MCAO) in the rat model.

One aspect then of the present invention involves administration of a compound of Formula I or a pharmaceutically acceptable acid and/or solvate thereof, to a mammal suffering from ischemia or being susceptible to ischemia. In general the compound would be given in a dose range of from about 0.01 mg/kg to about 30 mg/kg body weight. The lower end of the dose range reflects parenteral administration and the upper end of the dose range reflects oral administration.

Although the dosage and dosage regimen of a Formula I compound must in each case be carefully adjusted, utilizing sound professional judgment and considering the age, weight and condition of the recipient, the route of administration and the nature and extent of the ischemia, generally, the daily dose for human use will be from about 0.5 g to about 10 g, preferably 1 to 5 g. In some instances, a sufficient therapeutic effect can be obtained at lower doses while in others, larger doses will be required. As is apparent to one skilled in clinical pharmacology, the amount of a Formula I compound comprising the daily dose may be given in a single or divided dose, taking into account those principles understood by the skilled practitioner and necessary for his practice of the art.

The term "systemic administration" as used herein refers to oral, sublingual, buccal, transnasal, transdermal, rectal, intramuscular, intravenous, intraventricular, intrathecal, and subcutaneous routes. In accordance with good clinical practice, it is preferred to administer the instant compounds at a concentration level which will produce effective beneficial effects without causing any harmful or untoward side effects.

Therapeutically, the instant compounds are generally given as pharmaceutical compositions comprised of an effective ischemia-protective amount of a Formula I compound or a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt and/or hydrate thereof and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier. Pharmaceutical compositions for effecting such treatment will contain a major or minor amount (e.g. from 95% to 0.5%) of at least one compound of the present invention in combination with a pharmaceutical carrier, the carrier comprising one or more solid, semi-solid, or liquid diluent, filler and formulation adjuvant which is non-toxic, inert and pharmaceutically acceptable. Such pharmaceutical compositions are preferably in dosage unit forms; i.e., physically discrete units having a predetermined amount of the drug corre-

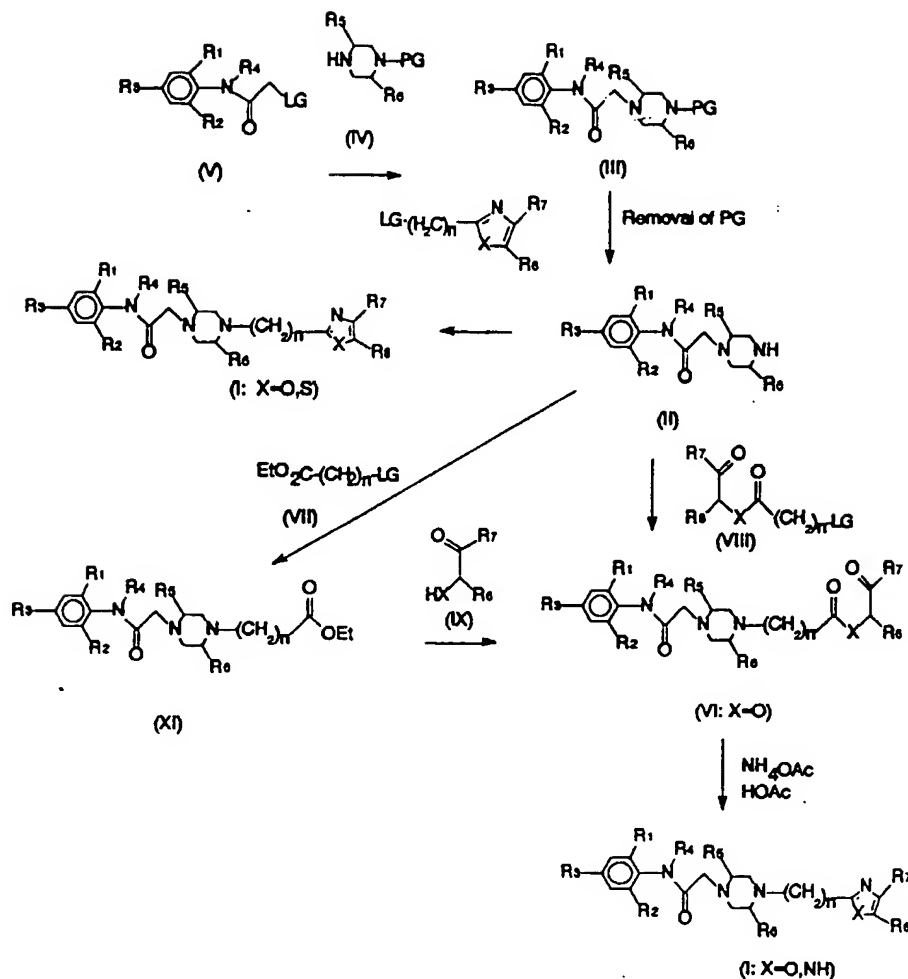
sponding to a fraction or multiple of the dose which is calculated to produce the desired therapeutic response. In usual practice, the dosage units contain 1, 1/2, 1/3, or less of a single dose. A single dose preferably contains an amount sufficient to produce the desired therapeutic effect upon administration at one application of one or more dosage units according to the predetermined dosage regimen, usually a whole, half, third, or less of the daily dosage administered once, twice, three, or more times a day. It is envisioned that other therapeutic agents can also be present in such a composition. Pharmaceutical compositions which provide from 0.1 to 1 g of the active ingredient per unit dose are preferred and are conventionally prepared as tablets, lozenges, capsules, powders, aqueous or oily suspensions, syrups, elixirs, and aqueous solutions. Preferred oral compositions are in the form of tablets, capsules, and may contain conventional excipients such as binding agents (e.g., syrup, acacia, gelatin, sorbitol, tragacanth, or polyvinylpyrrolidone), fillers (e.g. lactose, sugar, maize-starch, calcium phosphate, sorbitol or glycine), lubricants (e.g. magnesium stearate, talc, polyethylene glycol or silica), disintegrants (e.g. starch) and wetting agents (e.g. sodium lauryl sulfate). Solutions or suspensions of a Formula I compound with conventional pharmaceutical vehicles are employed for parenteral compositions such as an aqueous solution for intravenous injection or an oily suspension for intramuscular injection. Such compositions having the desired clarity, stability and adaptability for parenteral use are obtained by dissolving from about 0.1% to 10% by weight of a Formula I compound or one of its salt forms in water or a vehicle consisting of a polyhydric aliphatic alcohol such as glycerine, propylene glycol, and the polyethylene glycols or mixtures thereof. The polyethylene glycols consist of a mixture of non-volatile, usually liquid, polyethylene glycols which are soluble in both water and organic liquids and which have molecular weights from about 200 to 1500.

When transnasal application is intended, the Formula I compound pharmaceutical composition is formulated in a pharmaceutical composition which enhances penetration of the nasal mucosa. Such formulations normally employ fatty acid salts of the Formula I base compound and their preparation and use would be known to one skilled in the pharmaceutical arts.

The general procedure for preparation of Formula I compounds is outlined in Scheme 1.



Scheme 1  
Synthesis of Formula I



In Scheme 1;  $R^1-R^8$ , X and n are as defined supra. LG is a synthetic organic leaving group of the type typically employed in synthetic organic chemistry. The most common leaving groups in such nucleophilic substitution-type reactions are the halides or sulfonic ester groups such as tosylate, brosylate, nosylate and mesylate. Synthetic organic leaving groups and their manipulations are well-known to one skilled in organic synthesis and have been fully described in the pertinent literature. See, e.g. March, *Advanced Organic Chemistry*, 2d ed.; McGraw-Hill: New York, pages 325-331. Carey and Sundberg, *Advanced Organic Chemistry A: Structure and Reactivity*, 3d ed. Plenum: New York, pages 270-292.

PG signifies a synthetic organic "protecting group" of the type generally used to "protect" a secondary amine functional group, e.g. an acyl-type group such as a carbobenzyloxy (CBZ) or t-butoxycarbonyl (t-BOC) group or a trifluoroacetyl (TFA) group or the like. Suitable "protecting" or "blocking" groups used in organic synthesis are also well known to the practitioner and are adequately described in the appropriate literature. See, e.g. Carey and Sundberg, *Advanced Organic Chemistry B: Reactions and Synthesis*, 3d ed.; Plenum: New York pages 677, 686-689.

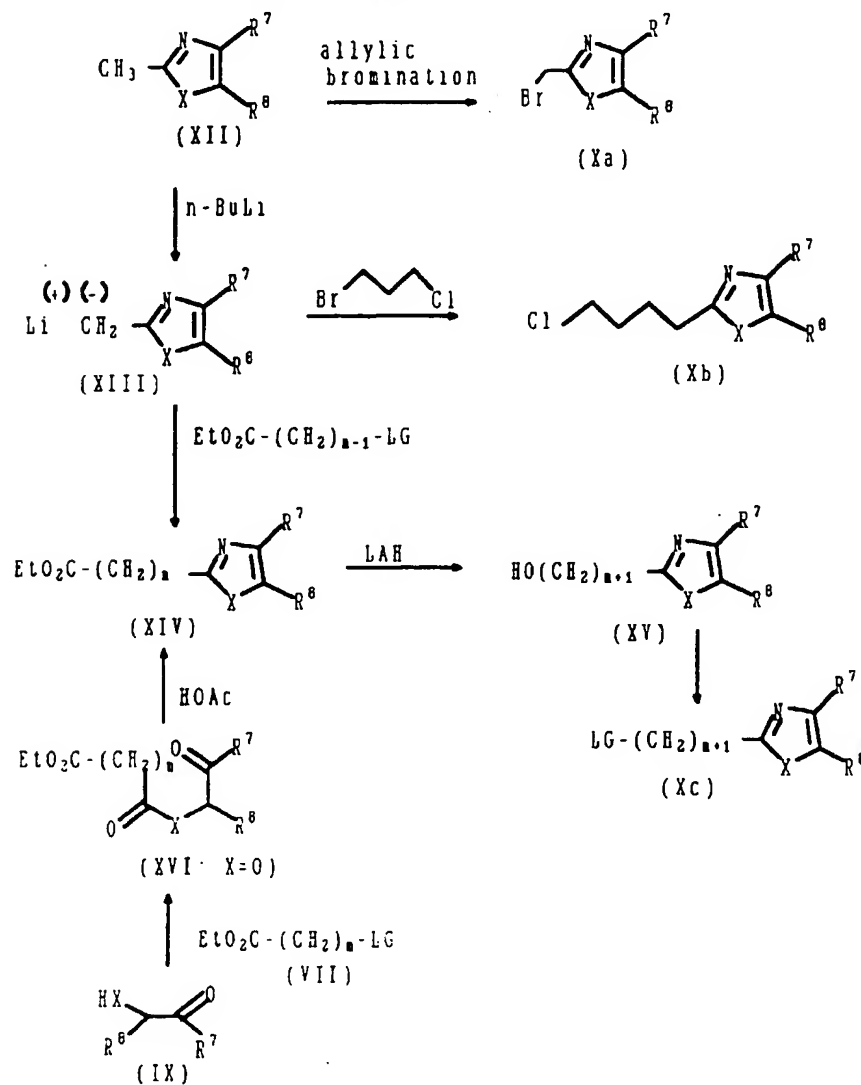
The starting materials in Scheme 1 are N-phenylacetamide derivatives (V), such as a 2-halo-N-phenylacetamide; and "protected/blocked" piperazines (IV), such 1-piperazine carboxaldehyde. These materials are either commercially available or can be readily prepared, e.g. bromoacetyl chloride and a substituted aniline are reacted to give V; a protecting group is attached to one nitrogen of the piperazine ring to provide IV. The product of the reaction of V and IV is an intermediate compound of Formula III which is "deprotected" by removal of PG, the protective or blocking group

to give II which can be reacted with an appropriate diphenyl oxazole or thiazole (X) to give the desired Formula I product where X is S or O.

To prepare imidazole products, intermediate II can either be reacted with the keto-ester compound VIII to give VI or compound II can be reacted with the ester VII to give XI which is then treated with the keto alcohol IX to provide VI which can be converted to I wherein X is NH.

Reaction intermediates of Formula V can be obtained as shown in Scheme II.

Scheme II  
Key Intermediates



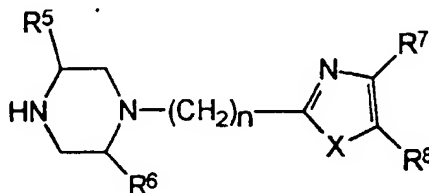
In Scheme II;  $R^7$ ,  $R^8$ , LG and X are as previously defined. The symbol m can be an integer 1 to 3. Scheme II basically outlines the preparation of intermediates of Formula X with differing alkyl chain lengths for connection to piperazine intermediates (II) to provide certain Formula I products. Obvious variations to provide other products would be apparent to one skilled in synthetic organic chemistry, e.g. a thioketo alcohol could be used to prepare a thiazole intermediate of Formula XIV. Similarly, reaction of an  $\alpha$ -bromo ketone with thioacetamide provides the thiazole intermediate XII.

As depicted in Scheme II, allylic bromination of 2-methyl-substituted intermediates of Formula XII yields Xa intermediates for use in Scheme I reactions. Lithiation of XII provides compound XIII which can either be alkylated with  $\alpha$ ,

$\omega$ -disubstituted ethanes or propanes to yield  $C_3$  or  $C_4$  alkanyl chains (e.g. Xb), or the XIII anion can be alkylated to provide a carboxy moiety at the terminus of the alkyl chain of XIV. This XIV compound can also be synthesized by reaction of XVII and XVIII to yield XVI which is aminated with ring-closure to provide XIV. Reduction of XIV with a hydride such as lithium aluminum hydride gives the corresponding intermediate alcohol XV which can be converted into Xc for use in Scheme I.

Compounds of Formula XII can be conveniently synthesized by acylation of XVIII with a propionyl halide or equivalent to form a propionate ester of XVIII. The ester is then aminated with ring-closure to give XII compounds.

Modification of these reaction schemes can be employed to produce Formula I compounds in somewhat different ways. For example, a reaction of compound V with a piperazine intermediate of Formula XXIV



XXIV

will directly yield a product of Formula I. Intermediates of Formula XXIV can be prepared utilizing intermediates of Formulas IV and X.

#### Description of Specific Embodiments

The compounds which constitute this invention and their methods of preparation will appear more full from a consideration of the following examples. All temperatures are understood to be in  $^{\circ}C$  when not specified.

The nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectral characteristics refer to chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) expressed as parts per million (ppm) versus tetramethylsilane (TMS) as reference standard. The relative area reported for the various shifts in the proton NMR spectral data corresponds to the number of hydrogen atoms of a particular functional type in the molecule. The nature of the shifts as to multiplicity is reported as broad singlet (bs), singlet (s), multiplet (m), doublet (d), doublet of doublets (dd), quartet (q) or pentuplet (p). Abbreviations employed are DMSO- $d_6$  (deuterio-di-methylsulfoxide),  $CDCl_3$  (deuteriochloroform), and are otherwise conventional. The elemental analyses are reported as percent by weight.

#### Synthesis of Intermediates

Several intermediate compounds as well as other conventional starting materials, e.g. VII, and IX; used in the preparation of final products I were generally commercially available. Representative syntheses of some of these compounds are provided hereinbelow nevertheless.

#### Example 1

##### 2-Methyl-4,5-bis[(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]oxazole (XII)

To a solution of 10 g (0.03 moles) of the intermediate of Formula IX, Example 6 in 100 ml of dichloromethane at  $0-5^{\circ}C$  was added 1.1 equivalent of (2.4 g) of pyridine, and catalytic amount of dimethylaminopyridine and 1.1 equivalent of acetyl chloride (2.3 g). The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 hours at room temperature. The solvent was evaporated and the residue was taken up in glacial acetic acid (100 ml) and refluxed in the presence of 5 equivalents of ammonium acetate (6.9 g) for a period of 1 to 2 hours and cooled to room temperature. Water was added (100 ml) and the product was isolated by extracting with ethyl acetate (3 x 100 ml), dried over  $Na_2SO_4$  and concentrated to give 5.8 g of the desired product, m.p.  $100-102^{\circ}C$ .

(C);  $^1H$  NMR (300 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  7.723 (m, 2H), 7.637 (m, 6H), 2.579 (s, 3H);  $^{13}C$  NMR (75 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  161.223, 128.013, 126.463, 125.735, 125.686, 125.612, 125.561, 13.842; IR (KBr) 3470, 3066, 1618, 1590, 1414, 1323, 1268, 1166, 1126, 1110, 1068, 1016, 966, 846, 674, 610  $cm^{-1}$ ; MS (DCI)  $m/e$  372;

Anal. Calc'd for  $C_{18}H_{11}N_1O_1F_6$ : C, 58.23; H, 2.99; N, 3.77;  
Found: C, 57.98; H, 2.88; N, 3.68.

### Example 2

#### 4,5-diphenyl-2-(4-chlorobutyl) oxazole (X)

To a solution of 2-methyl 4,5-diphenyloxazole (7.05g, 0.3mol) in 50 mL of dry THF at  $-78^{\circ}\text{C}$  was added 1.1 equivalent of *n*-BuLi or LDA and stirred for 30 min. To the dark red solution of the anion was added the alkylating reagent 3-chloro-1-bromopropane (1.1 equivalent) and the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to  $0^{\circ}\text{C}$  over a period of 1h. The reaction was worked up by adding  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  solution and extracting with ethyl acetate (50mL). Dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , concentrated and purified by flash chromatography over silica gel using ether/hexane 1:4 as an eluant to give the Formula X compound 6.2g(66%) as an oil. MS (DCI) *m/z* 311.

### Example 3

#### Ethyl 4-[[[(2,6-Dimethylphenyl)amino]carbonyl] methyl]-1-piperazineacetate (XI)

Ethyl bromoacetate (12.12g, 0.073 mol) in dry acetonitrile (30 mL) was added dropwise to a mixture of N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-1-piperazineacetamide dihydrochloride hydrate (18.0g, 0.073 mol) and potassium carbonate (18.0g, 0.13 mol) in dry acetonitrile (200 mL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 16h before it was filtered and evaporated. The residue was partitioned between ethyl acetate and water and the organic phase was separated, washed with brine dried and concentrated. There was isolated 21g (86%) of the XI compound as a colorless oil which was used without further purification;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ )  $\delta$  9.16 (s, 1H), 7.06 (s, 3H), 4.11 (q,  $J=3.6$  Hz, 2H), 3.22 (s, 2H), 3.13 (s, 2H), 2.68 (br s, 8H), 2.14 (s, 6H), 1.19 (t,  $J=7.0$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ )  $\delta$  171.65 (O), 169.63 (O), 166.02 (O), 136.72 (O), 136.67 (O), 129.36 (+), 128.09 (+), 63.07 (-), 61.54 (-), 60.24 (-), 54.67 (-), 53.59 (-), 19.7 (+), 15.88 (+); IR (KBr) 3242, 3020, 2988, 2964, 2936, 2914, 2878, 2824, 1744, 1662, 1530, 1478, 1466, 1444, 1428, 1390, 1380, 1306, 1278, 1224, 1198, 1166, 1136, 1042, 1020, 836, 762, 718  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; MS (DCI) *m/e* 334.

Anal. Calc'd for $C_{18}H_{27}N_3O_3 \cdot 1.5\text{H}_2\text{O}^{\circ}$ :			
	C, 60.86;	H, 8.15;	N, 12.28.
Found	C, 60.66;	H, 7.73;	N, 12.48.

### Example 4

#### 2-Oxo-1,2-di-(4-ethylphenyl)ethyl 4-[[[(2,6-dimethylphenyl)amino]carbonyl]-methyl]-1-piperazineacetate (VI)

1,3-Dicyclohexylcarbodiimide (DCC; 0.81g, 3.92 mmol) was added in one portion to a rapidly-stirred mixture of 4-[[[(2,6-dimethylphenyl)amino]carbonyl] methyl]-1-piperazineacetic acid (1.0 g, 3.27 mmol), 2-hydroxy-1,2-di-(4-ethylphenyl)ethanone (IX; 0.88 g, 3.27 mmol) and dimethylaminopyridine (DMAP; 40 mg) in anhydrous dimethylformamide (25 mL). After 2 hours at ambient temperature, an additional equivalent of DCC and DMAP were added. The mixture was stirred further for 22 hours at room temperature before it was heated to  $70^{\circ}\text{C}$  for 6 hours. Upon cooling, the mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate, washed with saturated sodium bicarbonate solution and brine, dried and concentrated. Purification of the residue by flash chromatography on silica gel (gradient elution with 50% ethyl acetate in hexanes followed by ethyl acetate) afforded 0.50 g of the benzoin ester product (VI) as an off-white solid. The ester was used in subsequent reactions without additional purification.

### Example 5

#### Bromoacetoxy-1,2-di-(4-ethylphenyl)ethanone (VIII)

A solution of bromoacetyl chloride (2.00 mL, 24.2 mmol) in anhydrous dichloromethane (20 mL) was added dropwise to a cold ( $0^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) mixture of 2-hydroxy-1,2-di-(4-ethylphenyl)ethanone (IX; 6.5 g, 24.2 mmol) and N-methylmorpholine (NMM; 2.7 mL, 24.2 mmol) in anhydrous dichloromethane (180 mL). The mixture was stirred at  $0^{\circ}\text{C}$  for 1 hour and at ambient temperature for 2 hours before additional 2-hydroxy-1,2-di-(4-ethylphenyl)ethanone (0.5 mL) and NMM (0.6 mL) were added to aid in completion. After 1 hour, the mixture was washed with saturated sodium bicarbonate solution, 1N HCl and brine. Following drying and solvent evaporation, the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica

gel (gradient elution with 10% ethyl acetate in hexanes followed by 25% ethyl acetate in hexanes) and furnished 6.10 g (65%) of bromoacetoxy-1,2-di(4-ethylphenyl)ethanone as a pal-yellow oil which was used in subsequent reactions without further purification.

#### Example 6

##### 1,2-bis[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-2-hydroxyethanone (IX)

A mixture of 50 g (0.29 moles) of methylbenzaldehyde and 0.7 g (0.05 equivalent) of sodium cyanide in 400 ml of 70% aqueous ethanol was heated to reflux for 20 hours. The reaction mixture was cooled, concentrated and the product was filtered to give crystals (42 g, 84%) m.p. 77-80°C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.99 (d, J = 8.13 Hz, 2H), 7.68 (d, J = 8.26 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (d, J = 8.14 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (d, J = 8.15 Hz, 2H), 6.01 (s, 1H), 4.51 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 197.54, 141.80(0), 135.82, 129.26, 127.95, 126.19, 126.14, 126.09, 125.85, 125.81, 75.83, IR (KBr) 3436, 3074, 2940, 1696, 1680, 1618, 1514, 1420, 1332, 1250, 1174, 1132, 1114, 1098, 1070, 1018, 980, 878, 856, 830, 822, 700, 686, 626, 600 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (DCI) *m/e* 349; Anal. Calc'd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>10</sub>O<sub>2</sub>F<sub>6</sub>: C, 55.18; H, 2.89; Found: C, 55.12; H, 2.85;

#### Example 7

##### 2-Bromo, chloro-N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)acetamide (V)

A solution of bromoacetyl chloride (20.0 mL, 0.234 mol) in anhydrous dichloromethane (20 mL) was added dropwise to a cold (0°C) mixture of 2,6-dimethylaniline (29.5 mL, 0.234 mol) and N-methylmorpholine (28.0 mL, 0.254 mol) in anhydrous dichloromethane (500 mL). The mixture was stirred at 0°C for 1h and at ambient temperature for 2h before it was washed with 1N NaOH, 1N HCl and brine. Following drying and solvent evaporation, the residue was triturated with hot ether/ethyl acetate to yield after suction-filtration 46.75g (83%) of the Formula V compound(s) as an off-white solid, m.p. 148-149°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.28 (br s, 1H), 7.08-6.97 (m, 3H), 4.14 (s, 0.5H), 3.93 (s, 1.5H), 2.16 and 2.15 (2s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) ppm 164.96, 135.63, 133.41, 128.44, 128.39, 127.78, 42.92, 29.04, 18.41; IR (KBr) 3440, 3212, 3042, 2974, 1644, 1534, 1476, 1308, 1218, 1120, 762 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (DCI) *m/z* 242.

Anal. Calc'd for 0.75C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>12</sub> BrNO°0.25C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>12</sub> ClNO:			
	C, 51.02;	H, 5.19;	N, 5.92.
Found	C, 51.27;	H, 5.10;	N, 6.06.

#### Example 8

##### (4-Nitro-2,6-dichlorophenyl)-2-bromoacetamide (V)

A mixture of 4-nitro-2,6-dichloroaniline (17 g, 82 mmol), bromoacetyl chloride (25 mL, 304 mmol), water (0.6 mL), H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (3.0 g), and trifluoroacetic acid (150 mL) in methylene chloride (150 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 5 days. The resulting mixture was poured into 500 mL of hot water and stirred for 45 minutes. A yellow precipitate (23.32 g) was collected by filtration. The precipitate was washed with water and methanol, and then triturated in methylene chloride-ether to yield an off-white solid (11.56 g, 43% yield): m.p. 195-197°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 4.14 (s, 2H), 8.12 (broad s, 1H), 8.33 (s, 2H).

#### Example 9

##### N-(tert-butoxycarbonyl)-3-aminocarbonylpiperazine (IV)

To a solution of 2-aminocarbonylpiperazine (9.83 g, 76.2 mmol) and triethylamine (10.7 mL, 76 mmol) in 200 mL of DMF at -20°C was added di-tert-butyl dicarbonate (16.6 g, 76.2 mmol). This was stirred for 2 hours, and warmed to room temperature. Solvent was then removed *in vacuo* to yield a yellowish-white solid (19.8 g). This was recrystallized in methylene chloride-ether to yield IV as a white solid (15.46 g, 89% yield): m.p. 103-106°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.46 (s, 9H), 1.85-2.00 (m, 1H), 2.73-2.82 (m, 1H), 2.87-3.18 (m, 2H), 3.32-3.38 (m, 1H), 3.70-3.85 (m, 1H), 4.01-4.10 (m, 1H), 5.54 (broad s, 1H), 6.70 (broad s, 1H).

Example 10**N-(2,6-Dimethylphenyl)-4-formyl-1-piperazineacetamide (III)**

A mixture of 2-bromo-N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)acetamide (V: 24.2g, 0.10 mol), anhydrous sodium carbonate (15.9g, 0.15 mol), sodium iodide (0.10g) and 1-piperazine carboxaldehyde (IV: 10.3 mL, 0.10 mol) in anhydrous dimethylformamide (200 mL) was heated to 85°C for 6h before it was cooled, suction-filtered and concentrated down in vacuo. The residue was then dissolved in a minimal amount of hot 5% methanol in ethyl acetate. After 2h at ambient temperature, the mixture was suction-filtered and the filtrate was concentrated down once again to yield a grey-colored solid which was recrystallized from ethyl acetate. There the Formula III compound was isolated 17.95g (65%) as a white solid, m.p. 139-140°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.50 (br s, 1H), 7.99 (s, 1H), 7.25-7.03 (m, 3H), 3.59-5.56 (m, 2H), 3.42-3.39 (m, 2H), 3.17 (s, 2H), 2.66-2.59 (m, 4H), 2.19 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) ppm 167.96, 160.96, 135.18, 133.67, 128.53, 127.55, 61.89, 54.28, 53.21, 45.69, 40.07, 18.83; IR (KBr) 3432, 3274, 2958, 1672, 1506, 1446, 1436, 1148, 1020, 1008, 788 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS *m/z* calc'd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub> 276.1712, found 276.1709.

Anal. Calc'd for C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>22</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>2</sub> :			
	C, 65.43;	H, 7.69;	N, 15.26.
Found	C, 65.42;	H, 7.76;	N, 15.32.

Example 11**2-(aminocarbonyl)-N-(4-nitro-2,6-dichlorophenyl)-4-(tert-butoxycarbonyl)-1-piperazineacetamide (III)**

A mixture of (4-nitro-2,6-dichlorophenyl)-2-bromoacetamide (2.57 g, 7.84 mmol), 2-aminocarbonyl-4-tert-butoxycarbonylpiperazine (1.80 g, 7.86 mmol), and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (4.35 g) in 50 mL of DMF was stirred at room temperature for 24 hours. The resulting mixture was partitioned between ethyl acetate and water, and the aqueous extract vigorously re-extracted with ethyl acetate. After removal of solvent in vacuo, the combined ethyl acetate extracts yielded 2.59 g of residue. This was recrystallized in methylene chloride-hexane to yield III as a white solid (1.67 g, 45% yield): m.p. >123°C (dec.); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.45 (s, 9H), 2.47-2.55 (m, 1H), 3.05-3.10 (m, 1H), 3.15-3.35 (m, 4H), 3.50-3.56 (d, 1H), 3.83 (broad s, 1H), 4.00-4.04 (m, 1H), 5.59 (broad s, 1H), 6.12 (broad s, 1H), 8.24 (s, 2H), 9.40 (broad s, 1H); MS (FAB) *m/z* 476 (M<sup>+</sup>).

Example 12**2-(aminocarbonyl)-N-(4-amino-2,6-dichlorophenyl)-4-(tert-butoxycarbonyl)-1-piperazineacetamide (III)**

A solution of 2-(aminocarbonyl)-N-(4-nitro-2,6-dichlorophenyl)-4-(tert-butoxycarbonyl)-1-piperazineacetamide (1.0 g, 2.1 mmol) in 30 mL of methanol containing methanolic 4% thiophene (0.25 mL) and 5% platinum on charcoal catalyst (450 mg) was hydrogenated using a Parr apparatus at 50°C and 25 psi for 30 minutes. After cooling and removal of catalyst by filtration, the solvent was removed from the filtrate in vacuo to yield III as an amorphous solid (0.88 g, 94% yield).

Example 13**N-(4-nitro-2,6-dichlorophenyl)-4-formyl-1-piperazineacetamide (III)**

A mixture of N-formylpiperazine (0.41 mL, 4.0 mmol), (4-nitro-2,6-dichlorophenyl)-2-bromoacetamide (1.31 g, 4.0 mmol), and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (2.2 g) in 20 mL of DMF was stirred at room temperature for 15 minutes. The mixture was then partitioned between ethyl acetate and water, the aqueous extracts were diluted with brine, and then exhaustively extracted with ethyl acetate. Solvent was removed in vacuo from the combined ethyl acetate extracts to yield the III product as a residue (1.79 g): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 2.73-2.78 (m, 2H), 2.85-2.97 (m, 4H), 3.34 (s, 2H), 3.51-3.56 (m, 1H), 3.68-3.72 (m, 1H), 8.30 (s, 2H), 9.14 (broad s, 1H).

## Example 14

## N-(4-amino-2,6-dichlorophenyl)-4-formyl-1-piperazineacetamide (III)

A mixture of N-(4-nitro-2,6-dichlorophenyl)-4-formyl-1-piperazineacetamide (1.79 g crude) was suspended in methanol (50 mL) containing 4% methanolic thiophene (0.5 mL) and 5% platinum on charcoal catalyst (900 mg). This was hydrogenated using a Parr apparatus for 30 minutes at 50°C and 26 psi. After filtration and the removal of solvent *in vacuo*, the filtrate yielded 1.38 g of crude residue. This was subjected to flash chromatography on deactivated silica gel (from a slurry of 300 g of silica gel in methylene chloride containing 3.4 mL of conc.  $\text{NH}_4\text{OH}$ ). The product was eluted with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ :MeOH: $\text{NH}_4\text{OH}$  98.8:1.0:0.2 yielding 590 mg of III an off-white solid. This was triturated in methylene chloride-ether to yield a white solid (520 mg, 39% yield). : m.p. >220°C (dec.).

## Example 15

## N-(2,6-Dimethylphenyl)-1-piperazineacetamide Dihydrochloride Hydrate (II)

N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-4-formyl-1-piperazineacetamide (17.70g, 64.0 mmol) was dissolved in a mixture of methanol (500 mL) and 1N HCl (130 mL) under nitrogen. The mixture was refluxed for 7h before it was cooled, concentrated and partitioned between ethyl acetate and water. The aqueous phase was then separated away from the organic phase and evaporated down to dryness. There was isolated 21.00g (98%) of the title compound as a white solid, m.p. 185-195°C (sealed tube);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ )  $\delta$  7.11-7.01 (m, 3H), 4.31 (s, 2H), 3.65-3.62 (m, 4H), 3.56-3.50 (m, 4H), 2.04 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ ) ppm 168.55, 140.74, 136.95, 133.37, 133.19, 61.89, 54.16, 45.56, 22.24; IR (KBr) 3440, 2958, 1690, 1532, 1472, 1442, 1386, 1308, 1240, 964, 770  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; MS  $m/z$  calc'd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_3\text{O}$  248.1763, found 248.1763.

Anal. Calc'd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_3\text{O} \cdot 2.0\text{HCl} \cdot 0.8\text{H}_2\text{O}$ :				
	C, 50.20;	H, 7.41;	N, 12.55;	$\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , 4.38.
Found	C, 50.19;	H, 7.26;	N, 12.22;	$\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , 2.60.

## Example 16

## Ethyl 4-[[[(2,6-Dimethylphenyl)amino]carbonyl] methyl]-2-piperazinecarboxylate Dihydrochloride Hydrate (II)

A mixture of 2-bromo, chloro-N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)acetamide (15.3g, 0.063 mol), anhydrous sodium carbonate (6.70g, 0.063 mol), sodium iodide (0.95g) and ethyl 2-piperazineacetate $^\dagger$  (10.0g, 0.063 mol) in anhydrous dimethylformamide (200 mL) was heated to 100°C for 6h before it was cooled and concentrated down *in vacuo*. The residue was then partitioned between ethyl acetate and water and the organic phase was separated, washed with brine, dried and concentrated. Purification of the residue by flash chromatography on silica gel (gradient elution with absolute ethyl acetate followed by 10% methanol in ethyl acetate) gave 11.60g (57%) of the Formula II compound as a brown oil which was sufficiently pure to be used directly and 5.15g (16%) of ethyl 1,4-bis[[[(2,6-dimethylphenyl)amino]carbonyl] methyl]-2-piperazine carboxylate as a by-product. A small portion of II compound was converted to its dihydrochloride salt with ethereal hydrochloride for characterization purposes. There was isolated an off-white solid, m.p. 149-159°C (185°C decomp. pt., sealed tube);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ )  $\delta$  10.15 (br m, 1H), 9.77 (s, 1H), 7.06 (s, 3H), 4.54-4.51 (m, 1H), 4.21 (q,  $J=7.1$  Hz, 2H), 3.70 (m, 2H), 3.56-3.52 (m, 1H), 3.40-3.02 (series of m, 5H), 2.13 (s, 6H), 1.21 (t,  $J=7.1$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ ) ppm 166.15, 165.67, 135.29, 134.61, 127.78, 126.76, 62.40, 58.51, 53.80, 50.42, 48.30, 41.39, 18.32, 13.92; IR (KBr) 3432, 2982, 2924, 2828, 2732, 2476, 1748, 1668, 1506, 1472, 1444, 1376, 1296, 1274, 1220, 1098, 774  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; MS  $m/z$  calc'd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3$  320.1974, found 320.1982.

Anal. Calc'd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3 \cdot 2.0\text{HCl} \cdot 0.1\text{H}_2\text{O} \cdot 0.2\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ :				
	C, 52.28;	H, 7.20;	N, 10.28;	$\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , 0.44.
Found	C, 52.46;	H, 7.58;	N, 10.34;	$\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , 5.52.

$^\dagger$  same procedure used as for 2-piperazinecarboxamide Felder, E.; Maffei, S.; Pietra, S.; Pitre, D. *Helv. Chim. Acta*, 1960, **43**, 888.

Example 17**3-Aminocarbonyl-N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-1-piperazineacetamide Dihydrochloride Hydrate (II)**

A mixture of 2-bromo, chloro-N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)acetamide (9.37g, 38.71 mmol), anhydrous sodium carbonate (4.10g, 38.71 mmol), sodium iodide (0.58g) and 2-piperazinecarboxamides<sup>‡</sup> (5.0g, 38.71 mmol) in anhydrous dimethylformamide (200 mL) was heated to 100°C for 6h before it was cooled and concentrated down in vacuo. The residue was then partitioned between ethyl acetate and water and the organic phase was separated, washed with brine, dried and concentrated. Purification of the residue by flash chromatography on silica gel (gradient elution with absolute ethyl acetate followed by 10% methanol in ethyl acetate) gave 4.25g (38%) of the Formula II compound as an off-white foam and 3.15g (18%) of 2-(aminocarbonyl)-N,N'-bis(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-1,4-piperazinediacetamide as a by-product. A small portion of the title compound was converted to its dihydrochloride salt with methanolic hydrochloride for characterization purposes. There was isolated an off-white solid, m.p. 185-222°C (dec., sealed tube); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 10.17 (s, 1H), 10.80-10.20 and 9.80-9.60 (2br s, 1H), 8.38 (s, 1H), 7.88 (s, 1H), 7.08 (s, 3H), 4.29-4.22 (m, 1H), 4.16 (br s, 2H), 3.93-3.90 (m, 1H), 3.58-3.55 (m, 1H), 3.44-3.31 (m, 4H), 2.17 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) ppm 167.75, 165.24, 136.83, 135.78, 129.47, 128.57, 58.49, 55.13, 52.22, 49.60, 20.01; IR (KBr) 3406, 3168, 3016, 2698, 2466, 1694, 1538, 1472, 1442, 1398, 774 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS *m/z* calc'd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub> 291.1821, found 291.1815.

Anal. Calc'd for C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>22</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>2</sub> ·2.0HCl·0.2.6H <sub>2</sub> O:				
	C, 43.93;	H, 7.18;	N, 13.66;	H <sub>2</sub> O, 11.42.
Found	C, 42.43;	H, 6.15;	N, 12.82;	H <sub>2</sub> O, 10.6.

Example 18**2-(aminocarbonyl)-N-(4-amino-2,6-dichlorophenyl)-1-piperazineacetamide trifluoroacetate (II)**

A solution of 2-(aminocarbonyl)-N-(4-amino-2,6-dichlorophenyl)-4-(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)-1-piperazineacetamide (0.88 g, 2.0 mmol) in trifluoroacetic acid (10 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 20 minutes, then the solvent was removed in vacuo to yield a viscous oil (2.34 g, 100% yield) as a (tri)-trifluoroacetate salt containing some residual trifluoroacetic acid.

Example 19**N-(4-amino-2,6-dichlorophenyl)-1-piperazineacetamide (II)**

A solution of N-(4-amino-2,6-dichlorophenyl)-4-formyl-1-piperazineacetamide (470 mg, 1.42 mmol) in 1N HCl (20 mL) was refluxed for 45 minutes, and the aqueous HCl removed azeotropically with *n*-propanol. The residue (610 mg) was recrystallized in methanol/methylene chloride to yield 505 mg of an off-white solid. This material was dissolved in methanol and basified with conc. NH<sub>4</sub>OH. After the removal of solvent in vacuo, the residue was dissolved in methanol and filtered. The filtrate yielded, after solvent removal, II as an amorphous residue (370 mg, 86% yield).

Synthesis of Formula I ProductsExample 20**3-Aminocarbonyl-4-[(4,5-diphenyl-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-1-piperazineacetamide Dihydrochloride Hydrate (I)**

A mixture of 3-aminocarbonyl-N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-1-piperazineacetamide (0.50g, 1.72 mmol), anhydrous sodium carbonate (0.18g, 1.72 mmol), sodium iodide (26mg) and 2-bromomethyl-4,5-diphenyloxazole (0.54g, 1.72 mmol) in anhydrous dimethylformamide (30 mL) was heated to 100°C for 3h before it was cooled and concentrated down in vacuo. The residue was then taken up in ethyl acetate and washed with saturated sodium bicarbonate solution and brine. Following drying and solvent evaporation, the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (gradient elution with absolute ethyl acetate followed by 10% methanol in ethyl acetate) and afforded 0.62g (55%) of the Formula I compound as a pinkish-tan solid after salt formation with ethereal hydrogen chloride, m.p. 138-176°C (185°C decomp.

<sup>‡</sup> Felder, E.; Maffei, S.; Pietra, S.; Pitre, D. *Helv. Chim. Acta*. 1960, **43**, 888.



pt., sealed tube);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ )  $\delta$  10.37 (s, 1H), 8.01 (br s, 1H), 7.76 (br s, 1H), 7.64-7.59 (m, 4H), 7.51-7.36 (m, 6H), 7.10 (s, 3H), 5.80-4.40 (br s, 3H), 4.31 (s, 2H), 4.05 (m, 2H), 3.78 (m, 1H), 3.65-3.62 (m, 1H), 3.51-3.27 (series of m, 4H), 3.18-3.08 (m, 1H), 2.18 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ ) ppm 171.38, 164.43, 160.35, 147.31, 136.77, 136.29, 135.57, 133.46, 130.88, 130.72, 130.44, 130.09, 129.91, 129.52, 129.19, 128.66, 128.35, 66.65, 58.03, 54.29, 52.64, 51.47, 19.92, 16.91; IR (KBr) 3402, 3176, 3022, 2558, 1694, 1602, 1540, 1508, 1474, 1444, 1410, 1378, 1224, 1158, 840, 774, 582  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; MS  $m/z$  calc'd for  $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{34}\text{N}_5\text{O}_3$  524.2662, found 524.2645.

Anal. Calc'd for  $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{33}\text{N}_5\text{O}_3 \cdot 2.0\text{HCl} \cdot 0.35\text{Et}_2\text{O} \cdot 1.8\text{H}_2\text{O}$ : 59.42; H, 6.48; N, 10.69;  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , 4.95. C, Found: C, 59.74; H, 5.94; N, 10.89;  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , 5.5.

#### Example 21

##### N-(2,6-Dimethylphenyl)-4-[4,5-diphenyl-2-oxazoly]-1-piperazineacetamide Dihydrochloride (I)

A mixture of 2-chloro-4,5-diphenyloxazole\* (1.52g, 5.97 mmol), anhydrous sodium carbonate (1.89g, 17.91 mmol), and N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-1-piperazineacetamide dihydrochloride hydrate (2.0g, 5.97 mmol) in xylenes/anhydrous dimethylformamide (25 mL/10 mL) was heated to reflux under nitrogen for 6h before it was cooled and concentrated down in vacuo. The residue was then taken up in ethyl acetate and washed with brine. Following drying and solvent evaporation, the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (elution with 50% ethyl acetate in hexanes) and afforded a slightly impure white solid which was recrystallized from ethyl acetate. Salt formation with methanolic hydrogen chloride gave 1.27g (40%) of the Formula I compound as a white solid, m.p. 190-209°C (dec., sealed tube);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ )  $\delta$  10.94 (m, 0.5H), 10.46 (s, 1H), 7.58-7.54 (m, 2H), 7.50-7.45 (m, 2H), 7.43-7.28 (m, 6H), 7.09 (s, 3H), 4.41 (s, 2H), 4.18 (m, 2H), 3.63-3.50 (2m, 6H), 2.18 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ ) ppm 162.62, 158.63, 139.57, 135.08, 134.40, 133.83, 132.17, 128.85, 128.62, 128.30, 127.92, 127.83, 127.51, 126.98, 125.42, 56.11, 50.55, 42.44, 18.23; IR (KBr) 3422, 3182, 3022, 2562, 1690, 1602, 1592, 1540, 1474, 1444, 1404, 1348, 1288, 1238, 960, 766, 694  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; MS (DCI)  $m/z$  467.

Anal. Calc'd for  $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{30}\text{N}_4\text{O}_2 \cdot 1.7\text{HCl} \cdot 0.3\text{H}_2\text{O}$ :

C, 65.23; H, 6.10; N, 10.49; Cl, 11.29;  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , 1.01;  
Found: C, 65.28; H, 6.10; N, 10.34; Cl, 0.00;  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , 1.24.

#### Example 22

##### N-(2,6-Dimethylphenyl)-4-[2-(4,5-diphenyl-2-oxazoly)ethyl]-1-piperazineacetamide Dihydrochloride Hydrate (I)

To a cold (-10°C) solution of ethyl 4,5-diphenyl-2-oxazoleacetate (CA:956963, October 29, 1974), (3.0g, 9.76 mmol) in anhydrous tetrahydrofuran (150 mL) was added lithium aluminium hydride (0.37g, 9.76 mmol). After 0.5h, an additional 0.5eq of LAH (0.37g) was added and the mixture was allowed to stir at -10°C for an additional 3h before it was quenched with 1N HCl. The mixture was then diluted with ethyl acetate and washed with 1N HCl, saturated sodium bicarbonate solution and brine. Following drying and solvent evaporation, the residue was taken up in dry dichloromethane (10 mL) and treated with triethylamine (0.47 mL, 3.39 mmol) and methanesulfonyl chloride (0.26 mL, 3.39 mmol) at 0°C. After 0.5h at 0°C, the mixture was diluted with dichloromethane and washed with saturated sodium bicarbonate solution and brine prior to drying and solvent concentration. The mesylate was then treated with N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-1-piperazineacetamide dihydrochloride hydrate (1.14g, 3.39 mmol) under the standard alkylating conditions given supra. There was isolated 0.24g (12%), of the Formula I compound as a pale-yellow solid, m.p. 193-203°C (sealed tube);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}/\text{DMSO}-d_6$ )  $\delta$  10.16 (br s, 1H), 7.55-7.50 (m, 4H), 7.45-7.30 (m, 6H), 7.05 (s, 3H), 4.26 (br s, 2H), 3.68-3.43 (2m, 10H), 2.13 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}/\text{DMSO}-d_6$ ) ppm 167.51, 160.63, 147.14, 136.72, 135.61, 134.35, 132.36, 130.78, 130.40, 130.29, 129.38, 128.97, 128.91, 127.74, 59.11, 53.83, 51.33, 50.67, 24.04, 19.01; IR (KBr) 3422, 3178, 2974, 2394, 1684, 1538, 1502, 1474, 1444, 1378, 1286, 962, 766, 696  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; MS (DCI)  $m/z$  495.

Anal. Calc'd for  $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{34}\text{N}_4\text{O}_2 \cdot 2.0\text{HCl} \cdot 1.7\text{H}_2\text{O} \cdot 0.1\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ :

	C, 62.28;	H, 6.73;	N, 9.25;	$\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , 5.06.
Found	C, 62.51;	H, 6.48;	N, 8.99;	$\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , 5.12.

\*Gompper, R.; Effenberger, F. Chem. Ber. 1959, 92, 1928.

**Example 23**

**4-[[[4,5-Bis(4-ethylphenyl)-2-imidazolyl]methyl]-N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-1-piperazineacetamide Trihydrochloride Hydrate and 4-[[[4,5-Bis(4-ethylphenyl)-2-oxazolyl]methyl]-N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-1-piperazineacetamide Dihydrochloride Hydrate**

(Method A):

1,3-Dicyclohexylcarbodiimide (DCC; 0.81g, 3.92 mmol) was added in one portion to a rapidly-stirred mixture of 4-[[[2,6-dimethylphenyl]amino]carbonyl]methyl]-1-piperazineacetic acid (1.0g, 3.27 mmol), 2-hydroxy-1,2-di-(4-ethylphenyl)ethanone (IX; 0.88g, 3.27 mmol) and dimethylaminopyridine (DMAP; 40 mg) in anhydrous dimethyl-formamide (25 mL). After 2h at ambient temperature, an additional equivalent of DCC and DMAP were added. The mixture was stirred further for 22h at room temperature before it was heated to 70°C for 6h. Upon cooling, the mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate, washed with saturated sodium bicarbonate solution and brine, dried and concentrated. Purification of the residue by flash chromatography on silica gel (gradient elution with 50% ethyl acetate in hexanes followed by ethyl acetate) afforded 0.50g of the benzoin ester (VI) as an off-white solid. The ester was taken up in glacial acetic acid (15 mL) and solid ammonium acetate (0.17g) was added. After 0.5h at reflux, additional ammonium acetate (0.17g) was added and the mixture was heated further for 2h before it was cooled and concentrated down *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (gradient elution with absolute ethyl acetate followed by 10% methanol in ethyl acetate) and furnished after acidification with HCl in methanol 0.14g (3.8%, two steps) of the oxazole product as a tan solid and 0.15g (3.9%, two steps) of the imidazole product as an off-white solid.

For the Formula I oxazole: m.p. 223-227°C (dec., sealed tube); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 10.10 (s, 1H), 7.54-7.50 (m, 4H), 7.34-7.26 (m, 4H), 7.10 (s, 3H), 4.25 (br s, 2H), 4.13 (br s, 2H), 3.60-2.8 (br m, 7H), 2.69-2.60 (m, 4H), 2.16 (s, 6H), 1.21 (t, J=7.6 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) ppm 164.57, 157.96, 147.63, 146.83, 145.76, 136.79, 136.03, 135.54, 130.70, 130.11, 129.82, 129.53, 129.07, 128.68, 128.38, 127.24, 57.81, 53.14, 51.98, 49.95, 29.70, 29.66, 19.91, 17.09, 17.00; IR (KBr) 3430, 2964, 2930, 2872, 1684, 1538, 1522, 1444, 1060, 966, 836 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS *m/z* calc'd for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>41</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub> 537.3229, found 537.3223.

For the Formula I imidazole: m.p. 208-215°C (dec., sealed tube); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 10.28 (s, 1H), 7.44 (d, J=8.2 Hz, 4H), 7.32 (d, J=8.3 Hz, 4H), 7.10 (s, 3H), 4.32 (s, 2H), 4.14 (s, 2H), 3.85 (br s, 12H), 3.53 (br s, 2H), 3.37 (br s, 2H), 3.15 (br s, 2H), 2.65 (q, J=7.6 Hz, 4H), 2.17 (s, 6H), 1.20 (t, J=7.5 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) ppm 164.46, 146.98, 136.74, 135.48, 130.16, 129.90, 129.57, 128.74, 126.51, 57.58, 53.04, 51.64, 50.36, 29.64, 19.89, 17.01; IR (KBr) 3422, 2964, 2932, 2544, 1688, 1640, 1532, 1444, 1416, 1384, 836, 770 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS *m/z* calc'd for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>42</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O 536.3389, found 536.3391.

**Example 24**

**4-[[[4,5-Bis(4-ethylphenyl)-2-imidazolyl]methyl]-N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-1-piperazineacetamide Trihydrochloride Hydrate and 4-[[[4,5-Bis(4-ethylphenyl)-2-oxazolyl]methyl]-N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-1-piperazineacetamide Dihydrochloride Hydrate**

(Method B):

A solution of bromoacetyl chloride (2.00 mL, 24.2 mmol) in anhydrous dichloromethane (20 mL) was added dropwise to a cold (0°C) mixture of 2-hydroxy-1,2-di-(4-ethylphenyl)ethanone (IX; 6.5g, 24.2 mmol) and N-methylmorpholine (NMM; 2.7 mL, 24.2 mmol) in anhydrous dichloromethane (180 mL). The mixture was stirred at 0°C for 1h and at ambient temperature for 2h before additional 2-hydroxy-1,2-di-(4-ethylphenyl)ethanone (0.5 mL) and NMM (0.6 mL) were added to aid in completion. After 1h, the mixture was washed with saturated sodium bicarbonate solution, 1N HCl and brine. Following drying and solvent evaporation, the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (gradient elution with 10% ethyl acetate in hexanes followed by 25% ethyl acetate in hexanes) and furnished 6.10g (65%) of bromoacetoxyl-1,2-di-(4-ethylphenyl)ethanone as a pale-yellow oil which was carried on directly. A portion of bromoacetoxyl-1,2-di-(4-ethylphenyl)ethanone (3.15g, 8.09 mmol) was treated with anhydrous sodium carbonate (0.86g, 8.09 mmol), sodium iodide (0.12g) and N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-1-piperazineacetamide (2.0g, 8.09 mmol) in anhydrous acetonitrile (120 mL) and the resulting mixture was heated to 80°C for 5h before it was cooled and concentrated down *in vacuo*. Purification of the residue by flash chromatography on silica gel with absolute ethyl acetate gave 3.40g (76%) of 2-oxo-1,2-di-(4-ethylphenyl)ethyl 4-[[[2,6-dimethylphenyl]amino]carbonyl]-methyl]-1-piperazineacetate as pale-yellow foam. A portion of 2-oxo-1,2-di-(4-ethylphenyl)ethyl 4-[[[2,6-dimethylphenyl]amino]carbonyl]-methyl]-1-piperazineacetate (2.50g, 4.50 mmol) was dissolved in glacial acetic acid (75 mL) and ammonium acetate (1.65g, 22.5 mmol) was added. The mixture was gently refluxed under nitrogen for 6h before the solvent was removed

in *vacuo*. The residue was partitioned between ethyl acetate and 1N sodium hydroxide solution (until basic) and the organic phase was separated, washed with brine, dried and concentrated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (gradient elution with ethyl acetate followed by 10% methanol in ethyl acetate) and yielded 0.61g (22%) of the oxazole product I as a white solid and 0.85g (30%) of the imidazole product I as a white solid after salt formation with ethereal hydrogen chloride.

For the oxazole: m.p. 134-156°C (sealed tube); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 10.43 (s, 1H), 7.44 (d, *J*=7.9 Hz, 4H), 7.28 (d, *J*=8.0 Hz, 4H), 7.06 (s, 3H), 4.33 (s, 2H), 4.20 (s, 2H), 3.52-2.90 (series of m, 8H), 2.65-2.58 (m, 4H), 2.14 (s, 6H), 1.17 (t, *J*=7.5 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>/D<sub>2</sub>O) ppm 162.51, 145.97, 142.13, 135.18, 132.39, 128.45, 128.01, 127.94, 127.71, 123.86, 55.97, 51.84, 50.05, 48.46, 27.73, 17.47, 14.85; IR (KBr) 3422, 3176, 2964, 2932, 2354, 1688, 1538, 1522, 1498, 1474, 1456, 1444, 1414, 1374, 1298, 1060, 964, 836, 772 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (DCI) *m/z* 537.

Anal. Calc'd for C <sub>34</sub> H <sub>40</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>2</sub> ·1.6HCl·0.5H <sub>2</sub> O:					
	C, 67.61;	H, 7.11;	N, 9.28;	Cl, 9.39;	H <sub>2</sub> O, 1.49;
Found	C, 67.59;	H, 7.03;	N, 9.11;	Cl, 9.35;	H <sub>2</sub> O, 1.68.

For the imidazole: m.p. 185-195°C (sealed tube); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 10.32 (s, 1H), 7.50 (d, *J*=7.9 Hz, 4H), 7.29 (d, *J*=8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (d, *J*=8.3 Hz, 2H), 4.32-4.30 (m, 4H), 3.58-3.07 (series of m, 8H), 2.66-2.57 (m, 4H), 2.15 (s, 6H), 1.17 (t, *J*=7.5 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>/D<sub>2</sub>O) ppm 163.09, 157.00, 146.08, 145.59, 144.60, 135.16, 133.88, 132.72, 128.27, 128.09, 127.91, 127.54, 127.35, 126.43, 124.96, 56.32, 51.75, 51.07, 48.55, 27.81, 27.77, 17.63, 15.02; IR (KBr) 3422, 3176, 2966, 2932, 2872, 2560, 1690, 1636, 1530, 1496, 1456, 1416, 1374, 1304, 1240, 836, 772 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

Anal. Calc'd for C <sub>34</sub> H <sub>41</sub> N <sub>5</sub> O <sup>2</sup> ·3HCl·0.6H <sub>2</sub> O:					
	C, 64.78;	H, 7.12;	N, 11.11;	Cl, 12.94;	
Found	C, 64.48;	H, 7.03;	N, 10.83;	Cl, 13.05.	

#### Example 25

##### 2-(aminocarbonyl)-N-(4-amino-2,6-dichlorophenyl)-4-[(4,5-diphenyl-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-1-piperazineacetamide (I)

A mixture of 2-(aminocarbonyl)-N-(4-amino-2,6-dichlorophenyl)-1-piperazineacetamide trifluoroacetate (1.38 g, 2.0 mmol), 4,5-diphenyl-2-bromomethyloxazole (72% pure, 875 mg, 2.0 mmol), and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (4.0 g) in 20 mL of DMF was stirred at room temperature for 15 minutes. The resulting mixture was partitioned between ethyl acetate-hexane and water, the organic extract dried, and solvent removed in *vacuo* to yield a crude residue of 1.27 g. This material was subjected to flash chromatography on deactivated silica gel (from a slurry of 300 g of silica gel in methylene chloride containing 3.4 mL of conc. NH<sub>4</sub>OH). The product was eluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:MeOH:NH<sub>4</sub>OH 97.4:2.0:0.6, yielding a residue of 970 mg which was triturated in methanol-ether to yield a white solid (638 mg, 55% yield): m.p. 137-139°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 2.83-3.27 (m, 7H), 3.32 (s, 2H), 3.81 (s, 2H), 5.67 (s, 2H), 6.64 (s, 2H), 7.28 (s, 2H), 7.40-7.49 (m, 6H), 7.55-7.63 (m, 4H), 9.44 (s, 1H); MS (FAB) *m/z* 579 (M<sup>+</sup>).

Anal. calc'd for C <sub>29</sub> H <sub>28</sub> N <sub>6</sub> O <sub>3</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> ·H <sub>2</sub> O:			
	C, 58.30;	H, 5.06;	N, 14.07;
Found	C, 58.06;	H, 4.92;	N, 13.87;

#### Example 26

##### N-(4-amino-2,6-dichlorophenyl)-4-[(4,5-diphenyl-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-1-piperazineacetamide

A mixture of N-(4-amino-2,6-dichlorophenyl)-1-piperazinecarboxamide (370 mg, 1.22 mmol), 4,5-diphenyl-2-bromomethyloxazole (72%, 530 mg, 1.22 mmol), and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (700 mg) in 20 mL of DMF was stirred at room temperature for 15 minutes, then partitioned between ethyl acetate and water. The ethyl acetate extract was dried and the solvent removed in *vacuo* to yield a crude residue of 900 mg. This was recrystallized in methylene chloride-ether to yield a white solid (312 mg, 48% yield): m.p. >203°C (dec.); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 2.50-2.65 (m, 8H), 3.05 (s, 2H), 3.75 (s, 2H), 5.63-5.64 (s, 2H), 6.60 (s, 2H), 7.34-7.47 (m, 6H), 7.52-7.58 (m, 4H), 9.14 (s, 1H); MS (DCI) *m/z* 536 (M<sup>+</sup>).

Anal. calc'd for $C_{28}H_{27}N_5O_2Cl_2 \cdot 0.25H_2O$ :			
	C, 62.17,	H, 5.12,	N, 12.95,
Found	C, 62.13,	H, 5.05,	N, 12.89.

Appropriate modification of the foregoing procedures result in production of other Formula I products. These modifications would be familiar to one skilled in the art. Some additional Formula I compounds prepared in this manner are set forth below.

#### Example 27

#### 2-Aminocarbonyl-N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-4-[(4,5-diphenyl-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-1-piperazineacetamide Dihydrochloride Hydrate (I)

Obtained 0.78g (55%), pale-yellow crystalline solid, m.p. 166-176°C (sealed tube);  $^1H$  NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  9.94 (br s, 1H), 8.23 (br s, 1H), 7.81 (br s, 1H), 7.61-7.58 (m, 4H), 7.51-7.36 (m, 6H), 7.08 (s, 3H), 4.34 (m, 2H), 4.14 (m, 1H), 3.87 (m, 2H), 3.54-3.21 (3m, 5H), 2.15 (s, 6H);  $^{13}C$  NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) ppm 174.59, 169.63, 161.45, 147.06, 137.01, 136.56, 136.14, 133.55, 130.75, 130.43, 130.01, 129.38, 129.14, 128.26, 67.60, 60.59, 56.53, 55.14, 53.11, 52.84, 19.87; IR (KBr) 3414, 3020, 2466, 1688, 1504, 1476, 1444, 1378, 1072, 1026, 964, 766, 696  $cm^{-1}$ ; MS (DCI)  $m/z$  524.

Anal. Calc'd for $C_{31}H_{33}N_5O_3 \cdot 2.0HCl \cdot 1.0H_2O \cdot 0.3Et_2O$ :				
	C, 60.73;	H, 6.33;	N, 11.00;	$H_2O$ , 2.83.
Found	C, 60.41;	H, 5.93;	N, 11.08;	$H_2O$ , 2.57.

#### Example 28

#### N-(2,6-Dimethylphenyl)-4-[(4,5-diphenyl-2-thiazolyl)methyl]-1-piperazineacetamide Dihydrochloride Hydrate (I)

Obtained 0.80g (58%), off-white solid, m.p. 149-166°C (decomp. pt. 195°C, sealed tube);  $^1H$  NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  10.37 (s, 1H), 7.47-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.39-7.37 (m, 3H), 7.35-7.29 (m, 5H), 7.07 (s, 3H), 4.47 (br s, 2H), 4.33 (s, 2H), 3.60 (br s, 4H), 3.39-3.32 (m, 4H), 2.16 (s, 6H);  $^{13}C$  NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- $d_6/D_2O$ ) ppm 163.22, 161.95, 149.24, 135.19, 134.60, 133.51, 132.74, 130.59, 129.12, 128.98, 128.84, 128.55, 128.46, 128.37, 127.92, 127.55, 56.39, 55.83, 50.70, 48.81, 17.64; IR (KBr) 3422, 2966, 2362, 1684, 1538, 1498, 1474, 1440, 760, 698  $cm^{-1}$ ; MS  $m/z$

Anal. Calc'd for $C_{30}H_{32}N_4OS \cdot 1.7HCl \cdot 0.2H_2O$ :				
	C, 64.09;	H, 6.11;	N, 9.97;	$H_2O$ , 0.64;
Found	C, 64.12;	H, 6.07;	N, 9.92;	$H_2O$ , 0.60.

#### Example 29

#### 4-[(2-Benzimidazolyl)methyl]-N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-1-piperazine acetamide Trihydrochloride Hydrate (I)

Obtained 0.78g (53%), m.p. 200-230°C (sealed tube);  $^1H$  NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  10.47 (s, 1H), 7.82-7.79 (m, 2H), 7.53-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.07 (s, 3H), 4.34 (s, 2H), 4.27 (s, 2H), 3.52 (br m, 8H), 3.11 (m, 2H), 2.89 (m, 2H), 2.16 (s, 6H);  $^{13}C$  NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- $d_6/D_2O$ ) ppm 162.43, 150.18, 135.19, 132.53, 130.37, 127.96, 127.68, 126.18, 113.76, 55.97, 51.89, 51.07, 48.78, 17.57; IR (KBr) 3422, 3176, 2966, 2856, 1688, 1622, 1538, 1474, 1460, 1442, 1388, 1340, 1292, 990, 752, 622  $cm^{-1}$ ; MS  $m/z$  calc'd for  $C_{22}H_{28}N_5O$ : 378.2294, found 378.2290.

Anal. Calc'd for $C_{22}H_{27}N_5O \cdot 2.5HCl \cdot 0.7H_2O \cdot 0.14Et_2O$ :				
	C, 64.09;	H, 6.11;	N, 9.97;	$H_2O$ , 0.64;
Found	C, 55.36;	H, 6.44;	N, 14.09;	$H_2O$ , 2.34.

Example 30**N-(2,6-Dimethylphenyl)-4-[(4,5-diphenyl-2-imidazolyl)methyl]-1-piperazineacetamide Dihydrochloride Hydrate**

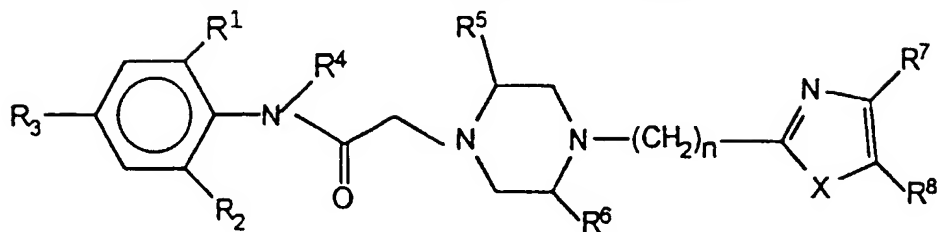
Obtained 0.26g (32%), off-white solid, m.p. 195-210°C (dec., sealed tube); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 10.41 (s, 1H), 7.52-7.51 (m, 4H), 7.44-7.43 (m, 6H), 7.06 (s, 3H), 4.30 (s, 2H), 4.17 (s, 2H), 3.51 (m, 2H), 3.34 (m, 2H), 3.18 (m, 2H), 2.86 (m, 2H), 2.14 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>/D<sub>2</sub>O) ppm 162.49, 142.59, 135.17, 132.62, 129.74, 129.13, 128.24, 128.08, 127.95, 127.62, 126.65, 56.01, 51.79, 50.15, 48.50, 17.61; IR (KBr) 3422, 3176, 2956, 2836, 2682, 2562, 1690, 1638, 1602, 1538, 1476, 1444, 1368, 1284, 766, 696 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS *m/z* calc'd for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>34</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>1</sub>: 480.2763, found 480.2753.

Anal. Calc'd for C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>33</sub> N <sub>5</sub> O°2.1HCl°0.8H <sub>2</sub> O:				
	C, 63.15;	H, 6.48;	N, 12.27;	H <sub>2</sub> O, 2.53;
Found	C, 63.30;	H, 6.36;	N, 12.26;	H <sub>2</sub> O, 2.35.

Example 31**2,6-(Dimethylphenyl)-4-[4,5-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-1-piperazineacetamide Dihydrochloride**

Obtained 0.31g (9%), white solid, m.p. 229-235°C (dec., sealed tube); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 10.33 (s, 1H), 7.54-7.49 (m, 4H), 7.07 (s, 3H), 7.05-6.96 (m, 4H), 4.43 (br s, 2H), 4.34 (br s, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.69-3.65 (m, 4H), 3.54-3.37 (m, 4H), 2.16 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) ppm 162.70, 159.83, 159.19, 154.72, 145.63, 135.08, 133.85, 133.59, 128.64, 128.31, 127.80, 126.94, 123.82, 120.38, 114.50, 114.18, 55.91, 55.34, 55.21, 50.87, 49.60, 47.95, 18.23; IR (KBr) 3422, 3258, 3228, 2940, 2352, 1704, 1610, 1540, 1520, 1498, 1446, 1304, 1248, 1176, 1022, 956, 826 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS *m/z* calc'd for C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>37</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: 541.2815, found 541.281. Additional Formula I compounds, synthesized by modifications of the foregoing synthetic procedures, are set forth in Table I.

Table I  
Additional Products of Formula I



Ex. #	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7=R8	n	X	mp(°C)
32	Me	Me	H	H	H	H	Ph	1	O	165-170 <sup>1</sup>
33	Me	Me	H	H	H	COOEt	Ph	1	O	118-112 <sup>1</sup>
34	Me	Me	H	H	H	H	p-F-Ph	1	O	189-191 <sup>2</sup>
35	Me	Me	H	H	H	H	p-CF3-Ph	1	O	159-161 <sup>2</sup>
36	Me	Me	H	H	H	H	m-Cl-Ph	1	O	174-76 <sup>2</sup>
37	Me	Me	H	H	H	H	Ph	3	O	220-25 <sup>1</sup>
38	Me	Me	H	H	H	H	Ph	4	O	140-45 <sup>1</sup>
39	Me	Me	H	H	H	H	Ph	4	S	222-224 <sup>1</sup>
40	Me	Me	H	H	-(CH2)-		Ph	1	O	165-170 <sup>1</sup>
41 <sup>4</sup>	Me	Me	H	H	O(H)	H(O)	Ph	1	O	75-95 <sup>3</sup>
42	Cl	Cl	NH2	H	H	CONH2	Ph	1	O	206-8 <sup>1</sup>
43	H	H	H	H	H	H	Ph	1	O	161-65 <sup>2</sup>
44	H	H	Cl	H	H	H	Ph	1	O	176-174 <sup>2</sup>
45	H	H	F	H	H	H	Ph	1	O	171-75 <sup>2</sup>
46	H	H	OMe	H	H	H	Ph	1	O	166-170 <sup>2</sup>
47	H	H	Me	H	H	H	Ph	1	O	164-165 <sup>2</sup>
48	Cl	Cl	H	H	H	H	Ph	1	O	176-179 <sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Hcl Salt<sup>2</sup> Maleate Salt<sup>3</sup> Free base<sup>4</sup> A mixture of (2:1) 2-oxo and 3-oxo piperazine derived product

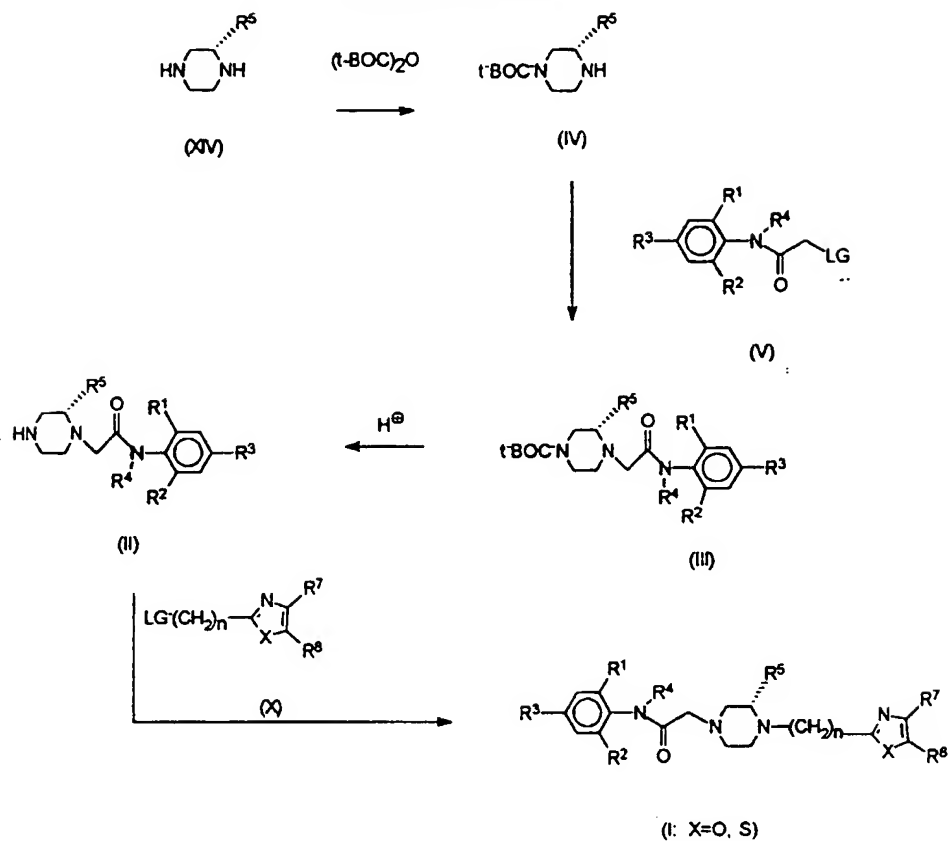
#### Further Detailed Description of the Invention

Some additional compounds of Formula I have been made and tested and have been found to have the pharmacologic profile that, as described *supra*, would make them useful antiischemic agents. These compounds are described more fully in the following examples and in Table II, *infra*, and were prepared by utilizing appropriate modifications of the foregoing synthetic procedures.

A chiral synthetic procedure was also developed to provide single enantiomers of certain stereoisomeric compounds of Formula I. The procedure is illustrated in Scheme III. This synthesis results in a Formula I compound with a chiral center in the piperazine ring. Utilization of this scheme resulted in isolation of the single enantiomers for a preferred compound of the present series: R-(+)- and S-(-)-2-(aminocarbonyl)-4-[(4,5-diphenyl-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-N-(4-amino-2,6-dichlorophenyl)-1-piperazineacetamide. While both enantiomers were neuroprotective, the S-(-)-enanti-

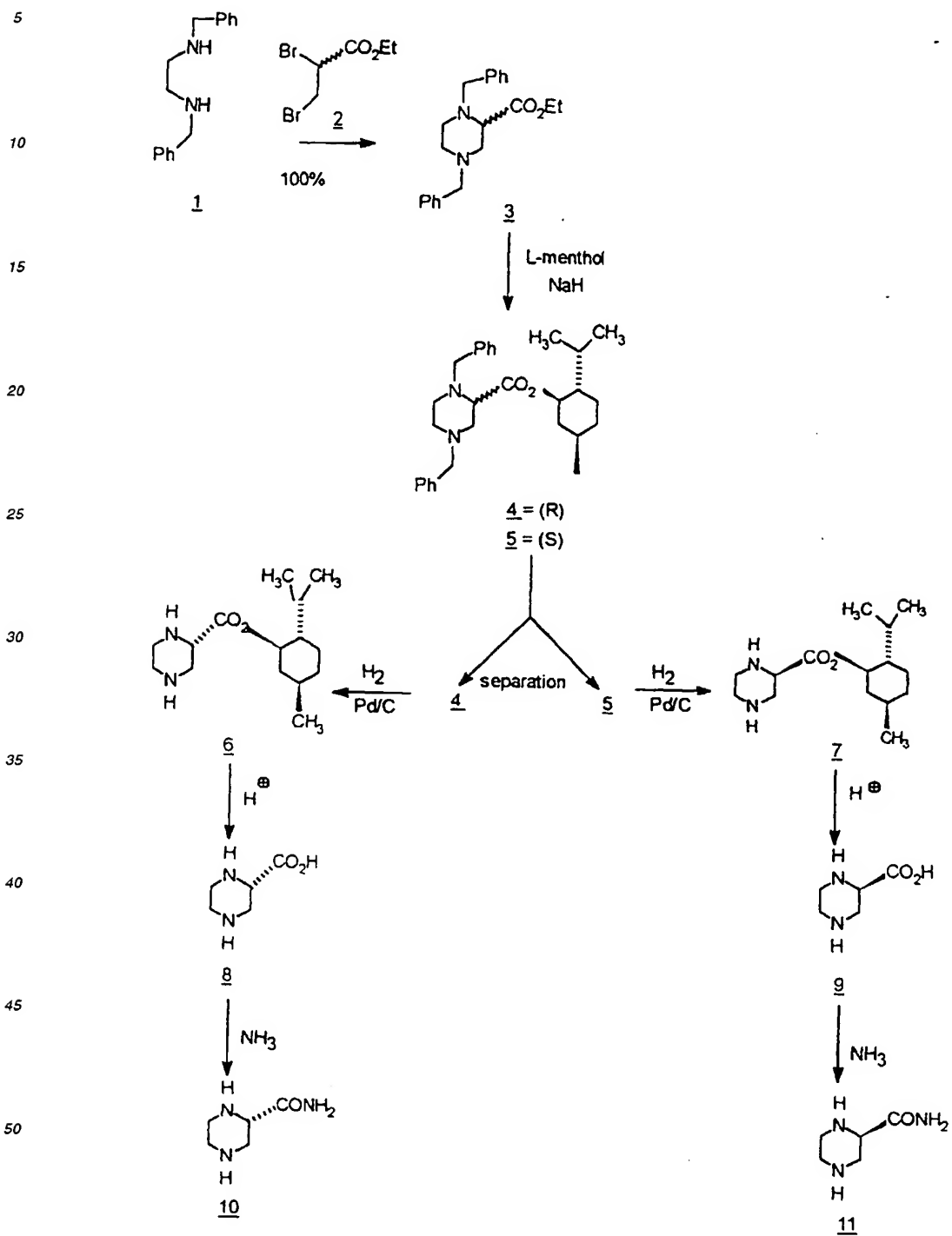
omer had about 30 times the activity of the R-(+)-enantiomer.

Scheme III  
Chiral Synthetic Procedure



Preparation of the single enantiomers of the specific piperazine starting material is shown in Scheme IV.

Scheme IV  
Preparation of Enantiomer Piperazines





## Chiral Synthesis of Enantiomeric Piperazine Compounds of Formula I

## Example 49

5 R-(+)-Piperazine-2-Carboxamide (10)**A. Ethyl N,N'-di(phenylmethyl)-piperazine -2-carboxylate (3)**

To a solution of 1 (N,N'-dibenzylethylene-diamine, 76.8 g, 0.296 mol) in toluene (240 mL) at 40°C with mechanical stirring was added dropwise a solution of 2 (ethyl 2,3-dibromopropionate, 71.0 g, 0.296 mol) and triethylamine (84 mL, 0.60 mol) in 75 mL of toluene such that the temperature remained below 80°C. The mixture was stirred at 80°C for 2.5 hours, then cooled. The resulting mixture was filtered, and the filtrate partitioned with 200 mL of water. The organic extract was dried with Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and solvent removed in vacuo to yield an amber oil (3, 105 g, 100% yield). This material was used as is in the subsequent step, thus analysis was not obtained.

15 **B. L-Menthyl-R-(+)-N,N'-di(phenylmethyl)piperazine-2-carboxylate hydrochloride monohydrate (4)**

A mixture of 3 (94.25 g, 0.264 mol), L-menthol (53.6 g, 0.343 mol), and NaH (2.0 g, 60% suspension in mineral oil) in 150 mL of toluene was distilled with the gradual addition of toluene as needed. This was continued for 1.5 hours. The mother liquor was then stirred in a mixture of 2N HCl (170 mL) and diethyl ether (800 mL) for 30 minutes. The resulting precipitate was then collected by filtration and washed with ether, followed by 1N HCl, yielding a white solid (83.0 g). A second crop crystallized after standing overnight (12.6 g). The first crop was fractionally recrystallized in 400 mL ethanol and 240 mL 0.2 N HCl, adding 80 mL of 0.2N HCl to the mother liquor each time a further crystallization was carried out. Six crops were collected by this method. Optical rotation was used to determine optical purity relative to literature values.

4: The first three crops consisted primarily of R-isomer, and were combined.

Obtained: a white solid (40.0 g, 30% yield); m.p. 152-167°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 0.56-0.59 (d, j=6.9 Hz, 3 H), 0.74-0.76 (d, j=6.9 Hz, 3 H), 0.83-0.86 (d, j=6.3 Hz, 3 H), 0.93-1.04 (q, j=11.7 Hz, 3 H), 1.31-1.43 (m, 2 H), 1.57-1.62 (m, 3 H), 1.87-1.90 (d, j=11.7 Hz, 1 H), 2.66-2.72 (m, 2 H), 3.03-3.24 (m, 4 H), 3.40 (s, 3 H), 3.70-3.82 (dd, j=14.4, 10.2 Hz, 2 H), 4.43-4.48 (m, 2 H), 4.61-4.67 (dt, j=6.9, 3.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.26-7.32 (m, 5 H), 7.43 (s, 3 H), 7.61 (s, 2 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 15.45, 20.49, 21.80, 22.41, 25.44, 30.82, 33.53, 46.06, 46.42, 49.93, 50.77, 57.77, 58.57, 61.94, 75.10, 127.46, 128.32, 128.72, 128.83, 129.46, 131.50, 136.66, 168.69; IR (KBr): 1730, 1275, 755, 700 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (DCI): m/z 449; [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> +18.73 (c=1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); analysis calc'd. for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>40</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>·HCl·H<sub>2</sub>O: C, 69.23; H, 8.61; N, 5.57; found: C, 69.51; H, 8.57; N, 5.56.

35 **C. L-Menthyl-R-(-)-piperazine-2-carboxylate dihydrochloride (6)**

A mixture of 4 (21.8 g, 0.0434 mol) and 10% Pd/C (2.6 g) in 200 mL of ethanol was hydrogenated in a Parr apparatus at 40-50 psi for 18 hours. Catalyst was then removed by filtration, and the filtrate concentrated in vacuo. To the residue was added 1N HCl in ether (25 mL) combined with 50 mL of ethanol. This mixture was stirred vigorously for 30 minutes, then a white solid was collected by filtration (12.7 g, 86% yield); m.p. >225°C (dec.); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 0.67-0.70 (d, j=6.9 Hz, 3 H), 0.84-0.88 (dd, j=5.7, 0.9 Hz, 6 H), 1.03-1.10 (m, 2 H), 1.38-1.45 (t, j=11.4 Hz, 2 H), 1.61-1.65 (d, j=10.5 Hz, 2 H), 1.78-1.89 (dsept, j=6.9, 2.7 Hz, 1 H), 1.91-1.95 (m, 1 H), 3.19-3.50 (m, 6 H), 3.65-3.71 (dd, j=9.9, 3.3 Hz, 1 H), 4.58-4.63 (dd, j=8.4, 3.6 Hz, 1 H), 4.67-4.76 (dt, j=6.6, 4.5 Hz, 1 H), 10.29 (br s, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 15.78, 20.73, 21.11, 21.83, 22.40, 25.26, 30.75, 33.49, 40.57, 46.07, 51.89, 76.63, 164.56; IR (KBr): 3600-2300, 1745, 1370, 1250 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (DCI): m/z 269; [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> -50.34 (c=1.1 H<sub>2</sub>O); analysis calc'd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>28</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>·2.3 HCl: C, 51.15; H, 8.67; N, 7.95; found: C, 51.07; H, 8.70; N, 7.59.

50 **D. R-(+)-Piperazine-2-carboxylic acid dihydrochloride (8)**

A solution of 6 (12.7 g, 0.0372 mol) in 100 mL of 6N HCl was refluxed 6 hours, then cooled, and 200 mL of diethyl ether was added. The resulting mixture was stirred 30 minutes, and a white solid collected by filtration (6.53 g, 86% yield); m.p. >255°C (dec.); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O): δ 3.29-3.47 (m, 3 H), 3.59-3.71 (m, 2 H), 3.85-3.90 (m, 1 H), 4.25-4.30 (m, 1 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O): δ 42.14, 42.48, 44.63, 56.00, 170.18; IR (KBr): 3100-2400, 1760, 1216, 926 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (DCI): m/z 131; [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> +3.89 (c=1.2, 2N HCl); analysis calc'd. for C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>10</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>·2 HCl: C, 29.57; H, 5.96; N, 13.80; found: C, 29.74; H, 5.94; N, 13.80.

**E. R-(+)-Piperazine-2-carboxamide (10)**

A solution of **8** (6.98 g, 0.0344 mol) in 200 mL of methanol containing 30% aqueous  $\text{NH}_3$  (4.6 mL, 0.069 mol) was refluxed 24 hours with DOWEX 50W-X8 200-mesh,  $\text{H}^+$  form cation-exchange resin (42 g, 92 meq). The resin was collected by filtration and resuspended in 200 mL of methanol. This suspension was then cooled to  $0^\circ\text{C}$ , and  $\text{NH}_3$  was bubbled into solution (9.50 g, 0.560 mol). The flask was then sealed, and stirred at room temperature for 3 days. The resin was then collected by filtration, and placed in a column, and eluted with 150 mL of 2N aqueous  $\text{NH}_3$ . The filtrate and eluate were combined, solvent removed in vacuo, and remaining water removed azeotropically with n-propanol. The residue was then purified on Amberlite CG-400, 200 mesh hydroxide form anion exchange resin, eluting **10** with water, and eluting unreacted **8** with 1N HCl. Solvent was removed azeotropically with n-propanol, yielding a white solid (3.23 g, 73% yield); m.p.  $140\text{--}148^\circ$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ ):  $\delta$  2.37–2.60 (m, 4 H), 2.69–2.75 (m, 1 H), 2.83–2.88 (m, 1 H), 2.98–3.02 (m, 1 H), 6.96 (br s, 1 H), 7.10 (br s, 1 H); IR (KBr): 3600–2700, 1680, 1600  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; MS (DCI)  $m/z$  130;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} +27.27$  ( $c=1.35$ , EtOH); Analysis calc'd. for  $\text{C}_5\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_3\text{O}$ : C, 46.49; H, 8.58; N, 32.53; found: C, 46.26; H, 8.59; N, 32.18.

**Example 50****(S)-(-)-Piperazine-2-carboxamide (11)****A. L-Menthyl-S-(-)-N,N'-di(phenylmethyl)piperazine-2-carboxylate dihydrochloride (5)**

Step B-E of Example 49 are repeated using the residual material of Step A of Example 49.

The remaining three crops consisted primarily of S-isomer and were combined with the original second crop. Obtained: a white solid (36.0 g, 26% yield); m.p.  $165\text{--}171^\circ\text{C}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ ):  $\delta$  0.65–0.67 (d,  $J=6.6$  Hz, 3 H), 0.84–0.86 (d,  $J=6.0$  Hz, 6 H), 0.93–1.18 (q,  $J=8.7$  Hz, 3 H), 1.41–1.45 (m, 2 H), 1.60–1.64 (d,  $J=10.5$  Hz, 2 H), 1.82–1.86 (m, 2 H), 2.64–2.71 (m, 1 H), 2.98–3.26 (m, 4 H), 3.39–3.46 (m, 1 H), 3.77–3.80 (m, 3 H), 4.29–4.34 (m, 2 H), 4.65–4.68 (m, 1 H), 7.29–7.31 (m, 5 H), 7.42 (s, 3 H), 7.59–7.61 (m, 2 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ ):  $\delta$  15.75, 20.56, 21.84, 22.60, 25.71, 30.80, 33.56, 46.15, 46.30, 49.11, 50.97, 57.49, 58.38, 62.17, 75.13, 127.54, 128.35, 128.70, 128.98, 129.52, 131.66, 168.59; IR (KBr) 1735, 1200, 750, 700  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} -104.45$  ( $c=1.0$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ); HRMS (FAB):  $m/z$  calc'd for  $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{41}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ : 449.3168; found: 449.3183.

**B. L-Menthyl 8-(-)-Piperazine-2-carboxylate dihydrochloride. (7)**

White solid, m.p.  $249\text{--}251^\circ$  (dec., sealed tube);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ ):  $\delta$  10.26 (br s, 3H), 4.76–4.68 (m, 1H), 4.63–4.58 (m, 1H), 3.65–3.60 (m, 1H), 3.51–3.21 (series of m, 7H), 1.92–1.83 (m, 2H), 1.64–1.60 (m, 2H), 1.43–1.36 (m, 2H), 1.09–0.98 (m, 3H), 0.85 (t,  $J=6.6$  Hz, 6H), 0.69 (d,  $J=6.9$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ ):  $\delta$  164.77, 76.50, 55.99, 51.93, 46.14, 40.77, 33.48, 30.75, 25.36, 22.66, 21.82, 20.62, 18.56, 16.14, 15.78; IR (KBr) 3440, 2956, 2872, 2742, 2696, 2588, 1744, 1454, 1388, 1370, 1354, 1282, 1066, 984, 964, 944, 932  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; MS (DCI)  $m/z$  269;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} -56.08^\circ$  ( $c=1.2$ , 2N HCl); analysis calc'd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\cdot 2\text{HCl}\cdot 0.6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ : C, 51.17; H, 8.93; N, 7.96; Cl, 20.14;  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , 3.07. Found: C, 51.06; H, 8.68; N, 7.83; Cl, 20.32.

**C. S-(-)-Piperazine-2-carboxylic Acid dihydrochloride (9)**

White solid, 8.68g (94%), m.p.  $274\text{--}276^\circ$  (dec., sealed tube);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ ):  $\delta$  10.37 (v br m, 3H), 4.39 (dd,  $J=11.6$ , 3.8 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (dd,  $J=13.3$ , 3.7 Hz, 1H), 3.49–3.35 (m, 2H), 3.33–3.14 (series of m, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ ):  $\delta$  166.54, 52.04, 41.11; IR (KBr) 3026, 2982, 2806, 1758, 1552, 1532, 1434, 1408, 1392, 1244, 1216, 1098, 1056, 940, 926, 830, 636, 536  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; MS (DCI)  $m/z$  131;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} -3.17^\circ$  ( $c=1.0$ , 2N HCl); analysis calc'd for  $\text{C}_5\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\cdot 2\text{HCl}$ : C, 29.57; H, 5.96; N, 13.80; Cl, 34.92. Found: C, 29.60; H, 5.84; N, 13.71; Cl, 35.11.

**D. S-(-)-Piperazine-2-carboxamide. (11)**

White solid, 3.18g (59%), m.p.  $138\text{--}141^\circ$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ ):  $\delta$  7.14 (br s, 1H), 7.00 (br s, 1H), 3.03 (dd,  $J=9.3$ , 3.1 Hz, 1H), 2.91–2.87 (m, 1H), 2.77–2.40 (series of m, 7H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ ):  $\delta$  174.24, 59.12, 49.42, 46.02, 45.28; IR (KBr) 3352, 3312, 3192, 2972, 2948, 2910, 2830, 1678, 1616, 1414, 1310, 1138, 1120, 912, 842  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; MS (DCI)  $m/z$  130;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} -21.73^\circ$  ( $c=1.8$ , EtOH); analysis calc'd for  $\text{C}_5\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_3\text{O}$ : C, 46.50; H, 8.58; N, 32.53. Found: C, 46.13; H, 8.51; N, 32.15.

Example 51**A. R-(-)-(1,1-dimethylethoxycarbonyl)-2-piperazine-carboxamide (XIV-enantiomer)**

A solution of **10** (prepared in Example 49; 7.40 g, 0.0574 mol) in 150 mL of methanol at room temperature was stirred for 1 hour with the gradual addition of di-tertbutyl dicarbonate (12.5 g, 0.0574 mol). Solvent was removed in vacuo, and the residue passed through a silica gel plug, eluting with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:MeOH 95:5 to 85:15. Solvent was removed in vacuo to yield the t-BOC derivative as a white solid (11.4 g, 87% yield); m.p. 125-130°; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 1.39 (s, 9 H), 2.57-2.64 (m, 1 H), 2.84-2.93 (m, 3 H), 3.20-3.23 (m, 1 H), 3.30-3.35 (m, 1 H), 3.65-3.69 (m, 1 H), 3.90-3.95 (m, 1 H), 7.27 (br s, 1 H), 7.47 (br s, 1 H); IR (KBr): 34--, 1690, 1650, 1370, 1270, 1150; MS (DCI): m/z 230; [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> -19.40 (c=1.0, EtOH); analysis calc'd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>·0.25 H<sub>2</sub>O: C, 51.38; H, 8.41; N, 17.97; found: C, 51.36; H, 8.11; N, 17.83.

**B. S-(+)-(1,1-dimethylethoxycarbonyl)-2-piperazine-carboxamide (XIV-enantiomer)**

Similarly, the t-BOC derivative of **11** (Ex. 50) was prepared.

White solid, 4.55g (89%), m.p. 134-136°; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 7.27 (br s, 1H), 7.12 (br s, 1H), 3.83 (m, 1H), 3.63-3.59 (m, 1H), 3.06-3.01 (m, 1H), 2.84-2.72 (m, 3H), 2.54-2.49 (m, 2H), 1.39 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 172.82, 153.87, 78.81, 57.78, 46.37, 43.89, 28.07; IR (KBr) 3366, 3252, 3002, 2990, 2976, 2940, 2924, 2862, 1686, 1646, 1406, 1368, 1270, 1222, 1172, 1154, 890 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (DCI) m/z 230; [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> +22.88° (c=1.2, EtOH); analysis calc'd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: C, 52.39. H, 8.35. N, 18.33. Found: C, 52.19; H, 8.27; N, 18.25.

Example 52**A. R-(+)-2-(aminocarbonyl)-N-(4-nitro-2,6-dichlorophenyl)-4-(1,1-dimethylethoxycarbonyl)-1-piperazineacetamide (III)**

A solution of the R-(-)-enantiomer (XIV prepared in Example 51-A: 4.7 g, 0.0205 mol), N-(4-nitro-2,6-dichlorophenyl)-2-bromoacetamide (6.8 g, 0.0207 mol), and triethylamine (3.2 mL, 0.023 mol) in 100 mL of DMF was stirred at room temperature for 4 hours. The solution was then added to 900 mL of ethyl acetate, filtered, and the filtrate partitioned with pH 5 biphthalate buffer 0.5 M (2 X 400 mL), followed by water (2 X 400 mL). The organic extract was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and solvent removed in vacuo. The residue was dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and filtered through a silica gel plug, eluting unreacted starting bromoacetamide with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, and eluting **15** with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:MeOH 90:10. Solvent was removed in vacuo to yield a light tan solid (7.50 g, 77% yield); m.p. 115-120°; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 1.47 (s, 9 H), 2.50-2.60 (m, 1 H), 3.05-3.40 (m, 5 H), 3.56-3.61 (m, 1 H), 3.82-3.87 (m, 1 H), 4.05-4.10 (m, 1 H), 5.80 (br s, 1 H), 6.35 (br s, 1 H), 8.26 (s, 2 H); IR (KBr): 1700, 1675, 1535, 1345, 1250 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (DCI): m/z 476; [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> +32.19 (c=1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); Chiral HPLC: 78% ee; Analysis calc'd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>6</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>: C, 45.39; H, 4.87; N, 14.70; found: C, 45.27; H, 4.89; N, 14.53.

**B. S-(-)-2-(aminocarbonyl)-N-(4-nitro-2,6-dichlorophenyl)-4-(1,1-dimethylethoxycarbonyl)-1-piperazineacetamide (III)**

Similarly, the S-(-)-enantiomeric compound was prepared from the XIV intermediate obtained in Example 51-B.

Pale, yellow foam, 8.20g (90%), m.p. 102-105°; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 10.16 (s, 1H), 8.40 (s, 2H), 7.64 (s, 1H), 7.34 (s, 1H), 3.69-3.65 (m, 2H), 3.33 (s, 1(?)), 3.23-2.99 (m, 5H), 2.42-2.36 (m, 1H), 1.39 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 172.08, 168.48, 153.55, 146.27, 139.24, 134.27, 123.57, 79.12, 64.23, 59.77, 58.32(?), 54.92, 50.20, 45.56, 41.69, 28.01; IR (KBr) 3268, 3096, 2978, 2934, 1698, 1538, 1482, 1428, 1390, 1366, 1346, 1268, 1246, 1168, 1148, 1126, 812, 758, 742 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (DCI) m/z 476; [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> -23.09° (c=1.6, EtOH); analysis calc'd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>23</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>6</sub>·0.35EtOAc·0.08CH<sub>3</sub>CN·0.11CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>·0.10H<sub>2</sub>O: C, 45.30. H, 5.11. N, 13.64. H<sub>2</sub>O, 0.35. Found: C, 44.95; H, 4.96; N, 13.44; H<sub>2</sub>O.

Example 53**A. R-(+)-2-(aminocarbonyl)-N-(4-amino-2,6-dichlorophenyl)-4-(1,1-dimethylethoxycarbonyl)-1-piperazineacetamide (III)**

A mixture of the product of Example 52A (7.35 g, 0.0154 mol), 5% Pt/C (3.25 g), and 4% methanolic thiophene (1.5 mL) in 150 mL of methanol was hydrogenated in a Parr apparatus at 50°C and 50 psi for 2 hours. Catalyst was

removed by filtration, and solvent removed in vacuo from the filtrate, yielding a white solid (6.73 g, 93% yield); m.p. >135 (dec.); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 1.40 (s, 9 H), 2.28-2.34 (m, 1 H), 2.89-3.32 (m, 6 H), 3.66-3.76 (m, 2 H), 5.68 (s, 2 H), 6.65 (s, 2 H), 7.63 (s, 1 H), 7.95 (s, 1 H), 9.46 (s, 1 H); IR (KBr): 3400-3300, 1700, 1670, 1370, 1260 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (DCI): m/z 446; [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> +30.33 (c=1.2, EtOH); Analysis calc'd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>·0.5 H<sub>2</sub>O·0.5 CH<sub>4</sub>O: C, 47.14; H, 5.99; N, 14.86; found: C, 47.08; H, 5.53; N, 14.77.

**B. S-(-)-2-(aminocarbonyl)-N-(4-amino-2,6-dichlorophenyl)-4-(1,1-dimethylethoxycarbonyl)-1-piperazineacetamide (III)**

In similar fashion the product of Example 52B was hydrogenated to give off-white foam, 7.0g (93%), m.p. 155-160°; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 9.47 (s, 1H), 7.64 (s, 1H), 7.32 (s, 1H), 6.64 (s, 2H), 5.68 (s, 2H), 3.70-3.65 (m, 2H), 3.26-2.88 (series of m, 6H), 2.32-2.26 (m, 1H), 1.39 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 172.22, 168.76, 153.53, 149.31, 133.88, 119.44, 112.47, 79.12, 64.84, 58.29, 50.23, 45.35, 28.02; IR (KBr) 3448, 3350, 2978, 2932, 1684, 1598, 1504, 1462, 1426, 1366, 1270, 1246, 1168, 1126, 802 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (DCI) m/z 446; [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> -26.99° (c=0.95, EtOH); Analysis calc'd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>25</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>4</sub>·0.10H<sub>2</sub>O: C, 48.25, H, 5.67, N, 15.63, H<sub>2</sub>O, 0.40. Found: C, 47.96; H, 5.57; N, 15.24; H<sub>2</sub>O.

**Example 54**

**A. R-(+)-2-(aminocarbonyl)-N-(4-amino-2,6-dichlorophenyl)-1-piperazineacetamide trihydrochloride(II)**

A solution of the protected acetamide intermediate prepared in Example 53A (6.55 g, 0.0147 mol) in 20 mL of methanol and 80 mL of ethyl acetate was combined with 200 mL of 1 N HCl in ether. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 hours, the solvent reduced to 50 mL in vacuo, and 50 mL of diethyl ether added. The resulting precipitate was collected by filtration. This was recrystallized in methanol: acetonitrile 1:3 to yield a white solid (5.3 g, 79% yield), m.p. 190-215 (dec.); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 2.90-2.95 (m, 1 H), 3.10-3.47 (m, 7 H), 3.62-3.64 (m, 1 H), 6.84 (s, 2 H), 7.66 (s, 1 H), 7.98 (s, 1 H), 9.24 (br s, 1 H), 9.64 (br s, 1 H), 9.75 (s, 1 H); IR (KBr): 3700-3200, 1690, 1600, 1530 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (DCI): m/z 346; [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> +17.94 (c=1.0, H<sub>2</sub>O); analysis calc'd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>·3 HCl: C, 34.27; H, 4.43; N, 15.37; found: C, 34.31; H, 4.69; N, 15.34.

**B. S-(-)-2-(aminocarbonyl)-N-(4-amino-2,6-dichlorophenyl)-1-piperazineacetamide Trihydrochloride (II)**

In similar fashion the S-enantiomeric intermediate was de-protected to give off-white solid, 5.88g (87%), m.p. 222-226° (dec., sealed tube); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O) δ 7.51 (s, 2H), 3.72 (dd, J=8.4, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 3.66-3.23 (series of m, 7H), 3.00-2.90 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O) δ 175.00, 174.10, 137.71, 134.54, 133.97, 126.08, 62.83, 59.52, 49.68, 46.67, 44.86; IR (KBr) 3378, 3268, 3136, 2916, 2810, 2592, 1706, 1542, 1470, 1416, 1376, 968, 810, 596 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (DCI) m/z 346; [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> -3.67° (c=1.1, H<sub>2</sub>O); analysis calc'd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>17</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>2</sub>·2.95HCl·1.5H<sub>2</sub>O: C, 32.48, H, 4.81, N, 14.57, Cl, 36.50, H<sub>2</sub>O, 5.62. Found: C, 32.64; H, 4.55; N, 14.57; Cl, 36.60; H<sub>2</sub>O, 12.57.

**Example 55**

**A. R-(+)-2-(aminocarbonyl)-N-(4-amino-2,6-dichlorophenyl)-4-[(4,S-diphenyl-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-1-piperazineacetamide trihydrochloride monohydrate (I)**

A mixture of the compound II prepared in Example 54A (5.0 g, 0.011 mol) in 100 mL of acetonitrile containing triethylamine (6.4 mL, 0.046 mol) was stirred at room temperature until fully dissolved. To this was added 2-bromomethyl-4,5-diphenyloxazole (3.46 g, 0.011 mol), and the resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 4 hours. Solvent was removed in vacuo, and the residue was partitioned between CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (100 mL) and saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (75 mL). The organic extract was washed with water (2 X 50 mL), then dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and solvent removed in vacuo. The residue was subjected to flash chromatography, and the product was eluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>: MeOH:NH<sub>4</sub>OH 98.8:1.0:0.2 to 98.2:1.5:0.3, yielding a light yellow solid (3.17 g, 50% yield). Optical purity was determined to be 74% ee by chiral HPLC. Fractional recrystallization in absolute ethanol resulted in enrichment of the R-enantiomer in the mother liquors by precipitating racemate. Solvent was removed in vacuo from the enriched mother liquor, and the residue was partitioned between MeOH:H<sub>2</sub>O 70:30 (100 mL) and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 X 10 mL), removing most colored impurities. Solvent was removed in vacuo from the water-methanol extract, and the residue was subjected to flash chromatography, using previous conditions, yielding an off-white solid (1.10 g). This was dissolved in a mixture of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and methanol, to which was added 1N HCl in ether (6.0 mL). Solvent was removed in vacuo to yield an off-white solid (100% ee, 1.15 g, 15% yield); m.p. >185 (dec.); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 3.15-3.25 (m, 2 H), 3.35-3.45 (m, 3

H), 3.49-3.54 (m, 1 H), 3.70 (br s, 2 H), 3.97-4.02 (m, 1 H), 4.40 (br s, 2 H), 5.75 (s, 1 H), 6.76 (s, 2 H), 7.33-7.51 (m, 6 H), 7.57-7.60 (m, 4 H), 7.77 (s, 1 H), 8.10 (s, 1 H), 9.89 (br s, 1 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ): 48.36, 51.43, 54.95, 113.74, 126.71, 127.42, 127.87, 128.56, 128.82, 129.09, 129.44, 131.37, 133.73, 134.85, 146.26, 147.61; IR (KBr): 3700-1900, 1700, 770, 700  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; MS (DCI):  $m/z$  579;  $[\alpha]_D^{20} +15.80$  ( $c=0.9$ , EtOH); analysis calc'd for  $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}_6\text{O}_3\text{Cl}_2 \cdot 3\text{HCl} \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ : CT 49.28; H, 4.71; N, 11.89; found: C, 49.29; H, 4.66; N, 11.76.

**B. (S-)-2-(aminocarbonyl)-N-(4-amino-2,6-dichlorophenyl)-4-[(4,5-diphenyl-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-1-piperazineacetamide Trihydrochloride (I)**

In a similar manner the S-enantiomeric product was prepared as white solid (100% ee, 99.6% overall purity), 1.50g (17%), m.p. 200-210° br m, 8H), 7.03 (s, 2H), 4.47 (s, 2H), 4.04-4.02 (m, 1H), 3.75-3.56 (2m, 3H), 3.42-3.25 (m, 5H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- $d_6/\text{D}_2\text{O}$ )  $\delta$  169.97, 168.21, 153.79, 146.96, 144.26, 134.93, 133.91, 130.69, 129.74, 129.04, 128.87, 127.48, 127.22, 126.60, 122.36, 115.60, 60.99, 55.79, 51.29, 50.81, 49.25, 47.42; IR (KBr) 3394, 3160, 2956, 2842, 2570, 1698, 1604, 1526, 1504, 1470, 1444, 1414, 1384, 1358, 766, 696  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; MS (DCI)  $m/z$  579;  $[\alpha]_D^{20} -18.68^\circ$  ( $c=1.0$ , EtOH); analysis calc'd for  $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}_6\text{O}_3\text{Cl}_2 \cdot 1.6\text{HCl} \cdot 0.9\text{H}_2\text{O}$ : C, 53.26; H, 4.84; N, 12.85; Cl, 19.52;  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , 2.48. Found: C, 53.22; H, 4.74; N, 12.80; Cl, 19.50;  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , 2.34.

Example 56

**4-[2-Benzimidazolyl)methyl]-N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-1-piperazineacetamide Trihydrochloride Hydrate Etherate. (I)**

Using 2-benzimidazolylmethyl bromide as the compound X starting material was obtained 0.78 g (33%) of the title compound as a pale yellow solid, m.p. 200-230°C (sealed tube);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  10.47 (s, 1H), 7.82-7.79 (m, 2H), 7.53-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.07 (s, 3H), 4.34 (s, 2H), 4.27 (s, 2H), 3.52 (br m, 8H), 3.11 (m, 2H), 2.89 (m, 2H), 2.16 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz DMSO- $d_6/\text{D}_2\text{O}$ ) ppm 162.43, 150.18, 135.19, 132.53, 130.37, 127.96, 127.68, 126.18, 113.76, 55.97, 51.89, 51.07, 48.78, 17.59; IR (KBr) 3422, 3176, 2966, 2856, 1688, 1622, 1538, 1474, 1460, 1442, 1388, 1340, 1292, 990, 752, 622  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; MS  $m/c$  calc'd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_5\text{O}$ : 378.2294, found 378.2290. Anal. Calc'd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}_5\text{O} \cdot 2.5\text{HCl} \cdot 0.7\text{H}_2\text{O} \cdot 0.14\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ : C, 55.12; H, 6.62; N, 14.25;  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , 2.57. Found C, 55.36; H, 6.44; N, 14.09;  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , 2.34.

Example 57

**4-[(2-benzoxazolyl)methyl]-N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-1-piperazineacetamide Maleate (1:2.75)**

1.45g of the intermediate piperazineacetamide of Example 15 in acetonitrile (30 ml); 3g  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$ ; a catalytic amount of KI and leq (0.95 g, 4.53 mMol) of bromomethylbenzoxazole was stirred 24 hrs, filtered, and the solvents evaporated. The residue was dissolved in MeOH, made acidic with maleic acid and allowed to crystallize. Filtration gave 1.67 g product 53% yield; mp 163-165°C;  $^1\text{H}$ NMR (300 MHz DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  9.81 (s, 1H), 7.74 (m, 2H) 7.41 (in, 2H), 7.07 (m, 3H), 4.09 (s, 2H), 4.02 (s, 2H), 3.28 (s, 4H), 2.90 (s, 4H), 2.13 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  166.96(0), 162.41(0), 150.30(0), 140.49(0), 135.05(0), 133.80(0), 133.36(+), 127.85(+), 127.00(+), 125.40(+), 124.59(+), 119.76(+), 110.89(+), 56.64(-), 53.17(-), 51.80(-), 48.95(-), 18.07(+); IR (KBr) 3392, 1696, 1620, 1574, 1518, 1468, 1454, 1428, 1356, 1218, 1082, 990, 868; MS (DCI)  $m/e$  379; Analysis calc'd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_4\text{O}_2 \cdot 2.75\text{C}_4\text{H}_4\text{O}_4$ : C, 56.81 H, 5.35 N, 8.03; found: C, 56.52 H, 5.34 N, 8.39.

Example 58

**(1S, 4S) N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-5-[(3,4-diphenyl-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-2,5-diazabicyclo[2.2.1]heptane-2-acetamide dihydrochloride.**

The 2,5-diazabicyclo [2.2.1] heptane (2 mmoles; prepared as described in W088/02627) was alkylated with the intermediate of Example 7, 2-bromo-N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)acetamide, in 20mL of DMF with  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  as base. The desired mono-alkylated product was purified by column chromatography and further alkylated with 2-bromomethyl-4,5-diphenyloxazole in DMF (20 mL) with  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  as a base. The product was isolated and purified by column chromatography. Anhydrous HCl in ether was used to prepare the corresponding dihydrochloride salt. m.p. (165-170°).

Example 59

**N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-4-[(4,5-diphenyl-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-1,4-diazabicyclo[2.2.1]octane-1-acetamide.**

5        Employing similar experimental procedure described above, 1,4-diazabicyclo [2.2.2] octane (cf: J.Het. Chem. 11, 449 (1974)) was converted to the title compound. m.p. 154-185° (HCl salt).

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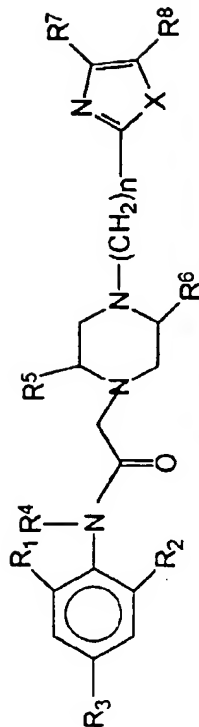
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Table II  
Further Products of Formula I



Ex. #	R <sup>1</sup>	R <sup>2</sup>	R <sup>3</sup>	R <sup>4</sup>	R <sup>5</sup>	R <sup>6</sup>	R <sup>7</sup>	R <sup>8</sup>	X	n	mp
60	Cl	Cl	NHCO(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> O    COMe	H	H	H	Ph	Ph	O	1	74-75
61	Cl	Cl	NHCO(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> O    COMe	H	CONH <sub>2</sub>	H	Ph	Ph	O	1	118-121
62	Cl	Cl	NH <sub>2</sub>	H	(R) CONH <sub>2</sub>	H	Ph	Ph	O	1	195-200
63	Cl	Cl	NH <sub>2</sub>	H	(S) CONH <sub>2</sub>	H	Ph	Ph	O	1	200-210 <sup>1</sup>
64	Cl	Cl	H	H	CONH <sub>2</sub>	H	Ph	Ph	O	1	172-198 <sup>1</sup>
65	H	CH <sub>3</sub>	H	H	H	H	Ph	Ph	O	1	166-171 <sup>2</sup>

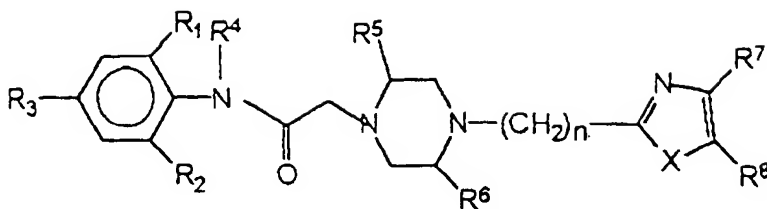
Ex. #	R <sup>1</sup>	R <sup>2</sup>	R <sup>3</sup>	R <sup>4</sup>	R <sup>5</sup>	R <sup>6</sup>	R <sup>7</sup>	R <sup>8</sup>	X	n	mp
66	H	Cl	H	H	H	H	Ph	Ph	O	1	176-178 <sup>2</sup>
67	CH <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>	H	H	H	H	4(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> N-Ph	Ph	NH	1	85-110 <sup>2</sup>
68	CH <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>	H	H	H	H	4(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> N-Ph	Ph	O	1	183-186 <sup>2</sup>
69	CH <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>	H	H	CO <sub>2</sub> Me	H	Ph	Ph	O	1	135-158 <sup>1</sup>
70	Cl	Cl	NH <sub>2</sub>	H	CONH <sub>2</sub>	H	4F-Ph	4F-Ph	O	1	152-155 <sup>2</sup>
71	Cl	Cl	NO <sub>2</sub>	H	CONH <sub>2</sub>	H	Ph	Ph	O	1	120 <sup>2</sup>
72	Cl	Cl	NO <sub>2</sub>	H	H	H	Ph	Ph	O	1	135-138 <sup>2</sup>
73	CH <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>	H	CH <sub>3</sub>	H	H	Ph	Ph	O	1	179-180 <sup>2</sup>
74	CH <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>	H	H	H	H	4BrPh	4BrPh	O	1	172-173

.1 HCl Salt  
2 Malic acid Salt



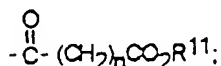
## Claims

## 1. A Compound of Formula I

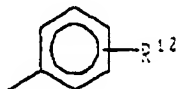


or a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt or hydrate thereof wherein

R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are independently selected from hydrogen, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy, halogen and trifluoromethyl;  
 R<sup>3</sup> is hydrogen, halogen, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy, nitro or -NR<sup>9</sup>R<sup>10</sup> with  
 R<sup>9</sup> and R<sup>10</sup> being independently selected from hydrogen, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, alkanoyl and



R<sup>4</sup> is hydrogen or C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl;  
 R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> are independently selected from hydrogen, -CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>11</sup> with R<sup>11</sup> being C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl,  
 -CONR<sup>9</sup>R<sup>10</sup> and oxo, or R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> can be taken together to form a methylene or ethylene bridge;  
 R<sup>7</sup> and R<sup>8</sup> taken together is a butylene bridge or are both

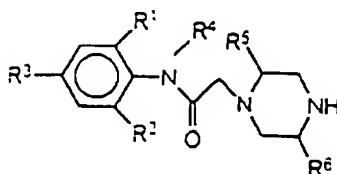


with R<sup>12</sup> being hydrogen,  
 halogen, trifluoromethyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl or C<sub>2-4</sub> alkyl-N(R<sup>4</sup>)<sub>2</sub>;  
 n is zero or an integer from 1 to 4; and  
 X is S, O, or NH.

2. A compound of claim 1 wherein R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are selected from methyl and chloro; R<sup>5</sup> is aminocarbonyl; R<sup>7</sup> and R<sup>8</sup> are phenyl; and n is 1.

3. A compound of claim 1 selected from the group consisting of N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-4-[(4,5-diphenyl-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-1-piperazineacetamide; N-(2,6-dichlorophenyl)-4-[(4,5-diphenyl-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-1-piperazineacetamide; 4-[[4,5-bis(4-ethylphenyl)-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-1-piperazineacetamide; 4-[[4,5-bis(4-fluorophenyl)-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-1-piperazineacetamide; 4-[[4,5-bis(4-trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)acetamide; 4-[[4,5-bis(3-chlorophenyl)-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-1-piperazineacetamide; 4-[[4,5-diphenyl-2-oxazolyl]ethyl]-N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-1-piperazineacetamide; N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-4-[4-(4,5-diphenyl-2-oxazolyl)propyl]-1-piperazineacetamide; N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-4-[4-(4,5-diphenyl-2-oxazolyl)butyl]-1-piperazineacetamide; N-(4-amino-2,6-dichlorophenyl)-4-[(4,5-diphenyl-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-1-piperazineacetamide; 4-[(4,5-diphenyl-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-N-phenyl-1-piperazineacetamide; N-(4-chlorophenyl)-4-[(4,5-diphenyl-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-1-piperazineacetamide; 4-[(4,5-diphenyl-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-N-(4-fluorophenyl)-1-piperazineacetamide; 4-[(4,5-diphenyl-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-N-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-piperazineacetamide; 4-[(4,5-diphenyl-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-N-(4-methylphenyl)-1-piperazineacetamide; N-(2,6-dichlorophenyl)-4-[(4,5-diphenyl-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-1-piperazineacetamide; 2,6-dimethylphenyl-4-[[4,5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-1-piperazineacetamide.

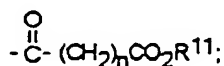
4. A compound of claim 1 selected from the group consisting of 4-[[4,5-bis(4-ethylphenyl)-2-imidazolyl]methyl]-N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-1-piperazineacetamide; N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-4-[(4,5-diphenyl-2-imidazolyl)methyl]-1-piperazineacetamide; N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-4-[4-(4,5-diphenyl-2-thiazolyl)butanyl]-1-piperazineacetamide; N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-4-[4-(4,5-diphenyl-2-thiazolyl)methyl]-1-piperazineacetamide; N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-4-[[5-(4-dimethylamino)phenyl]-[5-phenyl-2-imidazolyl)methyl]-1-piperazineacetamide.
5. A compound of claim 1 selected from the group consisting of ethyl 4-[[[(2,6-dimethylphenyl)amino] carbonyl]methyl]-1-[(4,5-diphenyl-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-2-piperazinecarboxylate; 2-aminocarbonyl-4-[(4,5-diphenyl-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-1-piperazineacetamide; (1S,4S) N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-5-[(4,5-diphenyl-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-2,5-diazabicyclo[2,2,1]heptane-2-acetamide; 2-aminocarbonyl-N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-4-[(4,5-diphenyl-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-1-piperazineacetamide; 3-(aminocarbonyl)-N-(4-amino-2,6-dichlorophenyl)-4-[(4,5-diphenyl-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-1-piperazineacetamide; 2-aminocarbonyl-N-(4-amino-2,6-dichlorophenyl)-4-[(4,5-diphenyl-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-1-piperazineacetamide; 2-aminocarbonyl-4-[(4,5-diphenyl-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-N-(4-amino-2,6-dichlorophenyl)-1-piperazineacetamide; 5-[3,5-dichloro-4-[[[4-(2-(aminocarbonyl)-4-[(4,5-diphenyl-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-1-piperazinyl)acetyl]amino]phenyl]amino]-S-oxo pentanoic acid methylester; 2-(aminocarbonyl)-4-[(4,5-diphenyl-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-N-(2,6-dichlorophenyl)-1-piperazineacetamide; methyl 1-[[[(2,6-dimethylphenyl)amino]carbonyl]methyl]-4-[(4,5-diphenyl-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-2-piperazinecarboxylate; 2-(aminocarbonyl)-N-(4-amino-2,6-dichlorophenyl)-4-[[4,5-bis(4-fluorophenyl)-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-1-piperazineacetamide; 2-(aminocarbonyl)-N-(2,6-dichloro-4-nitrophenyl)-4-[(4,5-diphenyl-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-1-piperazineacetamide.
6. The compound of claim 3, N-(4-amino-2,6-dichlorophenyl)-4-[(4,5-diphenyl-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-1-piperazineacetamide.
7. A compound as claimed in any of claims 1-6 for use as a therapeutic agent.
8. A pharmaceutical formulation which comprises as an active ingredient a compound, as claimed in any of claims 1-6, associated with one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers, excipients or diluents thereof.
9. A pharmaceutical formulation according to claim 8 wherein the formulation is in unit dosage form.
10. Use of a compound according to any of claims 1-6 for manufacturing a medicament for treating conditions of anoxia, ischemia or stroke.
11. A process for preparing a compound as claimed in any one of claims 1-6 which comprises reacting a compound of Formula II



II

wherein

R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are independently selected from hydrogen, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy, halogen and trifluoromethyl;  
 R<sup>3</sup> is hydrogen, halogen, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy, nitro or -NR<sup>9</sup>R<sup>10</sup> with R<sup>9</sup> and R<sup>10</sup> being independently selected from hydrogen, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, alkanoyl and

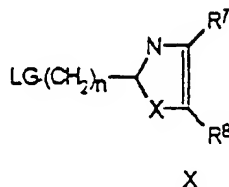


where  $R^{11}$  is  $C_{1-4}$  alkyl, and  $n$  is zero or 1 to 4;

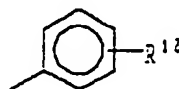
$R^4$  is hydrogen or  $C_{1-4}$  alkyl; and

$R^5$  and  $R^6$  are independantly selected from hydrogen,  $-CO_2R^{11}$ ,  $-CONR^9R^{10}$ , and oxo, or  $R^5$  and  $R^6$  can be taken together to form a methylene or ethylene bridge;

a) with a compound of Formula X



where  $R^7$  and  $R^8$  taken together is a butylene bridge or are both



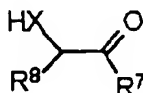
with  $R^{12}$  being hydrogen, halogen, trifluoronethyl,  $C_{1-4}$  alkyl or  $C_{2-4}$  alkyl- $N(R^4)_2$ ;

X is S or O; and

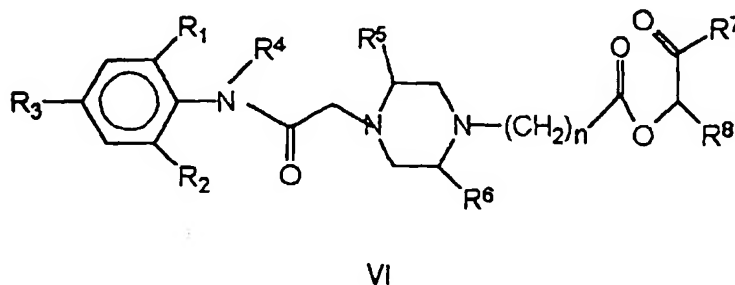
LG is a synthetic organic leaving group;

to give a Formula I product wherein X is O or S; or by reacting II

b) with a compound of Formula VII,  $EtO_2C-(CH_2)_n-LG$ , followed by reaction with a compound of Formula IX,

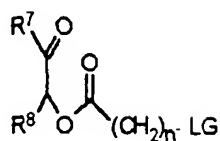


to give an intermediate of Formula VI



which is then treated with  $NH_4OAc/HOAc$  to give Formula I products wherein X is O or NH; or by reacting II

c) with a compound of Formula VIII

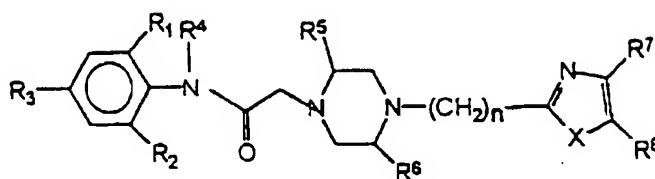


VIII

to give intermediate VI which is treated with  $\text{NH}_4\text{OAc}/\text{HOAc}$  to give Formula I products wherein X is O or NH.

## Patentansprüche

### 1. Verbindung der Formel I

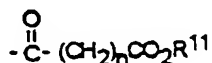


oder ein pharmazeutisch verträgliches Säureadditionssalz oder Hydrat davon, wobei

$\text{R}^1$  und  $\text{R}^2$  unabhängig voneinander aus einem Wasserstoffatom, einem  $\text{C}_{1-4}$ -Alkyl-,  $\text{C}_{1-4}$ -Alkoxyrest, einem Halogenatom und einer Trifluormethylgruppe ausgewählt sind;

$\text{R}^3$  ein Wasserstoffatom, ein Halogenatom, einen  $\text{C}_{1-4}$ -Alkoxyrest, eine Nitrogruppe oder  $-\text{NR}^9\text{R}^{10}$  bedeutet, wobei

$\text{R}^9$  und  $\text{R}^{10}$  unabhängig voneinander aus einem Wasserstoffatom, einem  $\text{C}_{1-4}$ -Alkyl-, Alkanoylrest und

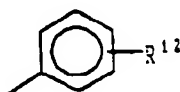


ausgewählt sind;

$\text{R}^4$  ein Wasserstoffatom oder einen  $\text{C}_{1-4}$ -Alkylrest bedeutet;

$\text{R}^5$  und  $\text{R}^6$  unabhängig voneinander aus einem Wasserstoffatom,  $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}^{11}$  ausgewählt sind, wobei  $\text{R}^{11}$  einen  $\text{C}_{1-4}$ -Alkylrest,  $-\text{CONR}^9\text{R}^{10}$  und Oxo bedeutet, oder  $\text{R}^5$  und  $\text{R}^6$  zusammen eine Methylen- oder Ethylenbrücke ausbilden können;

$\text{R}^7$  und  $\text{R}^8$  zusammen eine Butylenbrücke ausbilden oder beide

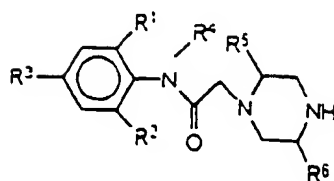


sind, wobei  $\text{R}^{12}$  ein Wasserstoffatom, ein Halogenatom, eine Trifluormethylgruppe, einen  $\text{C}_{1-4}$ -Alkylrest oder  $\text{C}_{2-4}$ -Alkyl- $\text{N}(\text{R}^4)_2$  bedeuten;

n 0 oder eine ganze Zahl von 1 bis 4 ist; und X S, O oder NH ist.

### 2. Verbindung nach Anspruch 1, wobei $\text{R}^1$ und $\text{R}^2$ aus einer Methylgruppe und einem Chloratom ausgewählt sind; $\text{R}^5$ Aminocarbonyl ist; $\text{R}^7$ und $\text{R}^8$ Phenyl sind; und n 1 ist.

3. Verbindung nach Anspruch 1, ausgewählt aus N-(2,6-Dimethylphenyl)-4-[(4,5-diphenyl-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-1-piperazinacetamid; N-(2,6-Dichlorphenyl)-4-[(4,5-diphenyl-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-1-piperazinacetamid; 4-[[4,5-Bis(4-ethylphenyl)-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-1-piperazinacetamid; 4-[[4,5-Bis(4-fluorphenyl)-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-1-piperazinacetamid; 4-[[4,5-Bis(4-(trifluormethyl)-phenyl)-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-1-piperazinacetamid; 4-[[4,5-Bis(3-chlorphenyl)-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-1-piperazinacetamid; 4-[[4,5-Diphenyl-2-oxazolyl]ethyl]-N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-1-piperazinacetamid; N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-4-[4-(4,5-diphenyl-2-oxazolyl)propyl]-1-piperazinacetamid; N-(2,6-Dimethylphenyl)-4-[4-(4,5-diphenyl-2-oxazolyl)butyl]-1-piperazinacetamid; N-(4-Amino-2,6-dichlorphenyl)-4-[(4,5-diphenyl-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-1-piperazinacetamid; 4-[[4,5-Diphenyl-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-N-phenyl-1-piperazinacetamid; N-(4-Chlorphenyl)-4-[(4,5-diphenyl-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-1-piperazinacetamid; 4-[(4,5-Diphenyl-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-N-(4-fluorphenyl)-1-piperazinacetamid; 4-[(4,5-Diphenyl-2-oxazolyl)-methyl]-N-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-piperazinacetamid; 4-[(4,5-Diphenyl-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-N-(4-methylphenyl)-1-piperazinacetamid; N-(2,6-Dichlorphenyl)-4-[(4,5-diphenyl-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-1-piperazinacetamid; 2,6-Dimethylphenyl-4-[[4,5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-1-piperazinacetamid.
4. Verbindung nach Anspruch 1, ausgewählt aus 4-[[4,5-Bis(4-ethylphenyl)-2-imidazolyl)methyl]-N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-1-piperazinacetamid; N-(2,6-Dimethylphenyl)-4-[(4,5-diphenyl-2-imidazolyl)methyl]-1-piperazinacetamid; N-(2,6-Dimethylphenyl)-4-[4-(4,5-diphenyl-2-thiazolyl)butanyl]-1-piperazinacetamid; N-(2,6-Dimethylphenyl)-4-[(4,5-diphenyl-2-thiazolyl)methyl]-1-piperazinacetamid; N-(2,6-Dimethylphenyl)-4-[[5-[4-(dimethylamino)phenyl]-5-phenyl-2-imidazolyl)methyl]-1-piperazinacetamid.
5. Verbindung nach Anspruch 1, ausgewählt aus Ethyl-4-[[[(2,6-dimethylphenyl)amino]carboxy]methyl]-1-[(4,5-diphenyl-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-2-piperazincarboxylat; 2-Aminocarbonyl-4-[[4,5-diphenyl-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-1-piperazinacetamid; (1S, 4S) N-(2,6-Dimethylphenyl)-5-[(4,5-diphenyl-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-2,5-diazabicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-2-acetamid; 2-Aminocarbonyl-N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-4-[(4,5-diphenyl-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-1-piperazinacetamid; 3-(Aminocarbonyl)-N-(4-amino-2,6-dichlorphenyl)-4-[(4,5-diphenyl-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-1-piperazinacetamid; 2-Aminocarbonyl-N-(4-amino-2,6-dichlorphenyl)-4-[(4,5-diphenyl-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-1-piperazinacetamid; 2-Aminocarbonyl-4-[(4,5-diphenyl-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-N-(4-amino-2,6-dichlorphenyl)-1-piperazinacetamid; 5-[3,5-Dichlor-4-[[[4-[2-(aminocarbonyl)-4-[(4,5-diphenyl-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-1-piperazinyl]acetyl]amino]phenyl]amino]-S-oxopentansäuremethylester; 2-(Aminocarbonyl)-4-[(4,5-diphenyl-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-N-(2,6-dichlorphenyl)-1-piperazinacetamid; Methyl-1-[[[(2,6-dimethylphenyl)amino]carbonyl)methyl]-4-[(4,5-diphenyl-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-2-piperazincarboxylat; 2-(Aminocarbonyl)-N-(4-amino-2,6-dichlorphenyl)-4-[[4,5-bis(4-fluorphenyl)-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-1-piperazinacetamid; 2-(Aminocarbonyl)-N-(2,6-dichlor-4-nitrophenyl)-4-[(4,5-diphenyl-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-1-piperazinacetamid.
6. Verbindung nach Anspruch 3, nämlich N-(4-Amino-2,6-dichlorphenyl)-4-[(4,5-diphenyl-2-oxazolyl)methyl]-1-piperazinacetamid.
7. Verbindung nach einem der Ansprüche 1-6 zur Verwendung als therapeutisches Mittel.
8. Pharmazeutische Formulierung, umfassend als Wirkstoff eine in den Ansprüchen 1-6 beanspruchte Verbindung, zusammen mit einem oder mehreren pharmazeutisch verträglichen Trägern, Excipienten oder Verdünnungsmitteln davon.
9. Pharmazeutische Formulierung nach Anspruch 8, wobei die Formulierung in einer Dosierungseinheit vorliegt.
10. Verwendung einer Verbindung nach einem der Ansprüche 1-6 zur Herstellung eines Arzneimittels zur Behandlung von Krankheitszuständen von Anoxie, Ischämie oder des Schlaganfalls.
11. Verfahren zur Herstellung einer Verbindung nach einem der Ansprüche 1-6, umfassend die Umsetzung einer Verbindung der Formel II

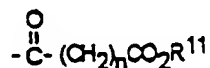


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wobei

$R^1$  und  $R^2$  unabhängig voneinander aus einem Wasserstoffatom, einem  $C_{1-4}$ -Alkyl-,  $C_{1-4}$ -Alkoxyrest, einem Halogenatom und einer Trifluormethylgruppe ausgewählt sind;

$R^3$  ein Wasserstoffatom, ein Halogenatom, einen  $C_{1-4}$ -Alkoxyrest, eine Nitrogruppe oder  $-NR^9R^{10}$  bedeutet, wobei  $R^9$  und  $R^{10}$  unabhängig voneinander aus einem Wasserstoffatom, einem  $C_{1-4}$ -Alkyl-, Alkanoylrest und

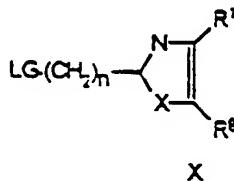


ausgewählt sind; wobei  $R^{11}$  einen  $C_{1-4}$ -Alkylrest bedeutet, und  $n$  0 oder 1 bis 4 ist;

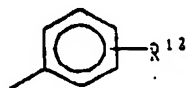
$R^4$  ein Wasserstoffatom oder einen  $C_{1-4}$ -Alkylrest bedeutet; und

$R^5$  und  $R^6$  unabhängig voneinander aus einem Wasserstoffatom,  $-CO_2R^{11}$ ,  $-CONR^9R^{10}$  und Oxo ausgewählt sind, oder  $R^5$  und  $R^6$  zusammen eine Methylen- oder Ethylenbrücke ausbilden können;

a) mit einer Verbindung der Formel X



wobei  $R^7$  und  $R^8$  zusammen eine Butylenbrücke ausbilden oder beide



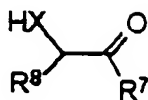
bedeuten, wobei  $R^{12}$  ein Wasserstoffatom, ein Halogenatom, eine Trifluormethylgruppe, einen  $C_{1-4}$ -Alkylrest oder  $C_{2-4}$ -Alkyl- $N(R^4)_2$  bedeutet;

$X$  S oder O bedeutet; und

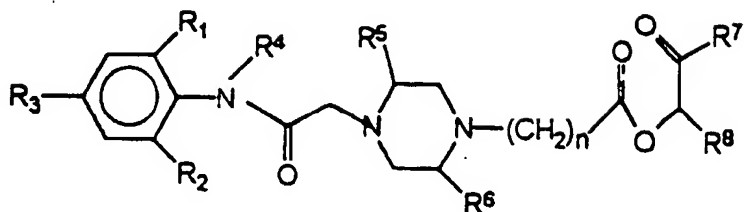
LG eine synthetische organische Abgangsgruppe ist;

wobei ein Produkt der Formel I erhalten wird, wobei  $X$  O oder S ist; oder die Umsetzung von II

b) mit einer Verbindung der Formel VII,  $EtO_2C-(CH_2)_n-LG$  und anschließender Umsetzung mit einer Verbindung der Formel IX,

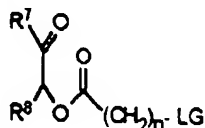


wobei ein Zwischenprodukt der Formel VI erhalten wird,



VI

das dann mit  $\text{NH}_4\text{OAc}/\text{HOAc}$  behandelt wird, wobei Produkte der Formel I erhalten werden, wobei X O oder NH bedeutet; oder durch Umsetzung von II  
c) mit einer Verbindung der Formel VIII,

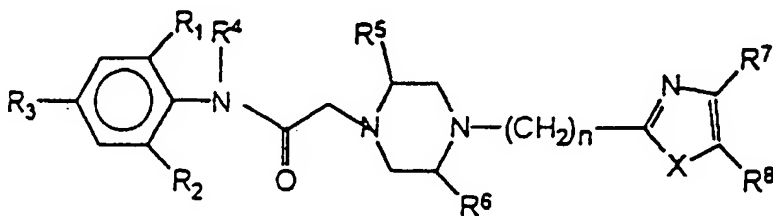


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wobei das Zwischenprodukt VI erhalten wird, das mit  $\text{NH}_4\text{OAc}/\text{HOAc}$  behandelt wird, wobei Produkte der Formel I erhalten werden, wobei X O oder NH bedeutet.

## Revendications

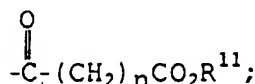
1. Composé de la Formule I



ou son sel d'addition d'acide ou hydrate acceptable en pharmacie où

où  $\text{R}^1$  et  $\text{R}^2$  sont indépendamment sélectionnés parmi hydrogène, alkyle  $\text{C}_{1-4}$ , alcoxy  $\text{C}_{1-4}$ , halogène et trifluorométhyle;

R<sup>3</sup> est hydrogène, halogène, alcoxy C<sub>1-4</sub>, nitro ou -NR<sup>9</sup>NR<sup>10</sup> avec  
R<sup>9</sup> et R<sup>10</sup> étant indépendamment sélectionnés parmi hydrogène, alkyle C<sub>1-4</sub>, alcanoylé et

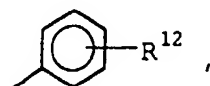


R<sup>4</sup> est hydrogène ou alkyle C<sub>1-4</sub>;

R<sup>5</sup> et R<sup>6</sup> sont indépendamment sélectionnés parmi l'hydrogène, -CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>11</sup>, R<sup>11</sup> étant alkyle C<sub>1-4</sub>,

-CONR<sup>9</sup>R<sup>10</sup> et oxo, ou bien R<sup>5</sup> et R<sup>6</sup> peuvent être pris ensemble pour former un pont de méthylène ou d'éthylène;

R<sup>7</sup> et R<sup>8</sup> pris ensemble est un pont de butylène ou bien ce sont tous deux



R<sup>12</sup> étant hydrogène,

halogène, trifluorométhyle, alkyle C<sub>1-4</sub> ou alkyle C<sub>2-4</sub> -N(R<sup>4</sup>)<sub>2</sub>;

n est zéro ou un entier de 1 à 4; et

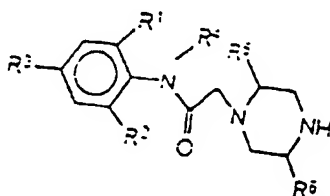
X est S, O ou NH.

2. Composé de la revendication 1 où R<sup>1</sup> et R<sup>2</sup> sont sélectionnés parmi le méthyle et chloro; R<sup>5</sup> est aminocarbonyl; R<sup>7</sup> et R<sup>8</sup> sont phényle; et n est 1.
3. Composé de la revendication 1 sélectionné dans le groupe consistant en N-(2,6-diméthylphényl)-4-[(4,5-diphényl-2-oxazolyl)méthyl]-1-pipérazineacétamide; N-(2,6-dichlorophényl)-4-[(4,5-diphényl-2-oxazolyl)méthyl]-1-pipérazineacétamide; 4-[[4,5-bis(4-éthylphényl)-2-oxazolyl)méthyl]-N-(2,6-diméthylphényl)-1-pipérazineacétamide; 4-[[4,5-bis(4-fluorophényl)-2-oxazolyl)méthyl]-N-(2,6-diméthylphényl)-1-pipérazineacétamide; 4-[[4,5-bis(4-trifluorométhyl)phényl)-2-oxazolyl)méthyl]-N-(2,6-diméthylphényl)-1-pipérazineacétamide; 4-[[4,5-bis(3-chlorophényl)-2-oxazolyl)méthyl]-N-(2,6-diméthylphényl)-1-pipérazineacétamide; 4-[[4,5-diphényl-2-oxazolyl]éthyl]-N-(2,6-diméthylphényl)-1-pipérazineacétamide; N-(2,6-diméthylphényl)-4-[4-(4,5-diphényl-2-oxazolyl)propyl]-1-pipérazineacétamide; N-(2,6-diméthylphényl)-4-[4-(4,5-diphényl-2-oxazolyl)butyl]-1-pipérazineacétamide; N-(4-amino-2,6-dichlorophényl)-4-[(4,5-diphényl-2-oxazolyl)méthyl]-1-pipérazineacétamide; 4-[(4,5-diphényl-2-oxazolyl)méthyl]-N-phényl-1-pipérazineacétamide; N-(4-chlorophényl)-4-[(4,5-diphényl-2-oxazolyl)méthyl]-1-pipérazineacétamide; 4-[(4,5-diphényl-2-oxazolyl)méthyl]-N-(4-fluorophényl)-1-pipérazineacétamide; 4-[(4,5-diphényl-2-oxazolyl)méthyl]-N-(4-méthoxyphényl)-1-pipérazineacétamide; 4-[(4,5-diphényl-2-oxazolyl)méthyl]-N-(4-méthylphényl)-1-pipérazineacétamide; N-(2,6-dichlorophényl)-4-[(4,5-diphényl-2-oxazolyl)méthyl]-1-pipérazineacétamide; 2,6-diméthylphényl-4-[[4,5-(4-méthoxyphényl)-2-oxazolyl)méthyl]-1-pipérazineacétamide.
4. Composé de la revendication 1 sélectionné dans le groupe consistant en 4-[[4,5-bis(4-éthylphényl)-2-imidazolyl)méthyl]-N-(2,6-diméthylphényl)-1-pipérazineacétamide; N-(2,6-diméthylphényl)-4-[(4,5-diphényl-2-imidazolyl)méthyl]-1-pipérazineacétamide; N-(2,6-diméthylphényl)-4-[4-(4,5-diphényl-2-thiazolyl)butanyl]-1-pipérazineacétamide; N-(2,6-diméthylphényl)-4-[(4,5-diphényl-2-thiazolyl)méthyl]-1-pipérazineacétamide; N-(2,6-diméthylphényl)-4-[[5-[4-(diméthylamino)phényl]]-5-phényl-2-imidazolyl)méthyl]-1-pipérazineacétamide.
5. Composé de la revendication 1 sélectionné dans le groupe consistant en éthyl 4-[[[2,6-diméthylphényl]amino]carbonyl)méthyl]-1-[(4,5-diphényl-2-oxazolyl)méthyl]-2-pipérazinecarboxylate; 2-aminocarbonyl-4-[[4,5-diphényl-2-oxazolyl)méthyl]-N-(2,6-diméthylphényl)-1-pipérazineacétamide; (1S,4S) N-(2,6-diméthylphényl)-5-[(4,5-diphényl-2-oxazolyl)méthyl]-2,5-diazabicyclo[2,2,1]heptane-2-acétamide; 2-aminocarbonyl-N-(2,6-diméthylphényl)-4-[[4,5-diphényl-2-oxazolyl)méthyl]-1-pipérazineacétamide; 3-(aminocarbonyl)-N-(4-amino-2,6-dichlorophényl)-4-[[4,5-diphényl-2-oxazolyl)méthyl]-1-pipérazineacétamide; 2-aminocarbonyl-N-(4-amino-2,6-dichlorophényl)-4-[[4,5-diphényl-2-oxazolyl)méthyl]-1-pipérazineacétamide; 2-aminocarbonyl-4-[(4,5-diphényl-2-oxazolyl)méthyl]-N-(4-amino-2,6-dichlorophényl)-1-pipérazineacétamide; acide 5-[3,5-dichloro-4-[[[4-(2-(aminocarbonyl)-4-[(4,5-diphényl-2-oxazolyl)méthyl]-1-pipérazinyl]acétyl]amino]phényl]amino]-S-oxo pentanoïque méthylester; 2-(aminocarbonyl)-4-[(4,5-diphényl-2-oxazolyl)méthyl]-N-(2,6-dichlorophényl)-1-pipérazineacétamide; méthyl 1-



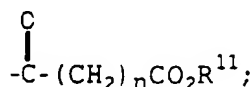
[[[(2,6-diméthylphényl)amino]carbonyl]méthyl]-4-[(4,5-diphényl-2-oxazolyl)méthyl]-2-pipérazinecarboxylate; 2-(aminocarbonyl)-N-(4-amino-2,6-dichlorophényl)-4-[[4,5-bis(4-fluorophényl)-2-oxazolyl]méthyl]pipérazineacétamide; 2-(aminocarbonyl)-N-(2,6-dichloro-4-nitrophényl)-4-[(4,5-diphényl-2-oxazolyl)méthyl]-1-pipérazineacétamide,

6. Composé de la revendication 3, N-(4-amino-2,6-dichlorophényl)-4-[(4,5-diphényl-2-oxazolyl)méthyl]-1-pipérazineacétamide.
7. Composé selon l'une quelconque des revendications 1 à 6 pour une utilisation comme agent thérapeutique.
8. Formule pharmaceutique qui comprend comme ingrédient actif un composé tel que revendiqué selon l'une des revendications 1-6, associé avec un ou plusieurs supports, excipients ou diluants pharmaceutiquement acceptables.
9. Formule pharmaceutique selon la revendication 8 où la formule est sous une forme de dosage unitaire.
10. Utilisation d'un composé selon l'une quelconque des revendications 1-6 pour la fabrication d'un médicament pour le traitement de conditions d'anoxie, ischémie ou congestion.
11. Procédé de préparation d'un composé selon l'une quelconque des revendications 1-6 qui comprend la réaction d'un composé de Formule II



où R<sup>1</sup> et R<sup>2</sup> sont indépendamment sélectionnés parmi l'hydrogène, alkyle C<sub>1-4</sub>, alcoxy C<sub>1-4</sub>, halogène et trifluorométhyle;

R<sup>3</sup> est hydrogène, halogène, alcoxy C<sub>1-4</sub>, nitro ou -NR<sup>9</sup>R<sup>10</sup>, R<sup>9</sup> et R<sup>10</sup> étant indépendamment sélectionnés parmi l'hydrogène, alkyle C<sub>1-4</sub>, alcanolyle et

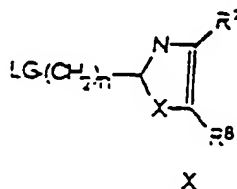


où R<sup>11</sup> est alkyle C<sub>1-4</sub>, et n est zéro ou 1 à 4;

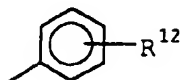
R<sup>4</sup> est hydrogène ou alkyle C<sub>1-4</sub>; et

R<sup>5</sup> et R<sup>6</sup> sont indépendamment sélectionnés parmi l'hydrogène, -CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>11</sup>, -CONR<sup>9</sup>R<sup>10</sup> et oxo, ou bien R<sup>5</sup> et R<sup>6</sup> peuvent être pris ensemble pour former un pont de méthylène ou d'éthylène;

a) avec un composé de Formule X



où  $R^7$  et  $R^8$  pris ensemble est un pont de butylène ou sont tous deux

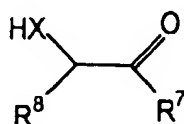


$R^{12}$ , étant hydrogène, halogène, trifluorométhyle, alkyle  $C_{1-4}$  ou alkyl  $C_{2-4}$   $-N(R^4)_2$ ;

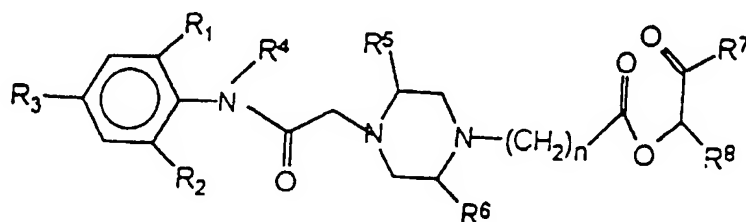
X est S ou O; et

LG est un groupe partant organique ou synthétique; pour donner un produit de Formule I où X est O ou S; ou bien par réaction de II

b) avec un composé de Formule VII,  $EtO_2C-(CH_2)_n-LG$ , avec ensuite réaction des composés de Formule IX,



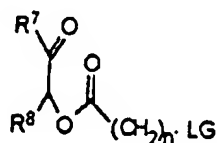
pour donner un intermédiaire de Formule VI



VI

qui est alors traité avec  $NH_4OAc/HOAc$  pour donner les produits de Formule I où X est O ou NH; ou bien par réaction de II

c) avec un composé de Formule VIII



VIII

pour donner l'intermédiaire VI qui est traité avec  $NH_4OAc/HOAc$  pour donner les produits de Formule I où X est O ou NH.